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Ministry says it's too late anyway 5 judges will weigh 1983 summer time

It is too late to introduce summer time this year, since the earliest this could be done would be the second half of this month, which would make it "autumn time," and there would be no point in such a change. This is part of the Interior Ministry's answer to the High Court which had ordered it to show cause why summer time should not be instituted this year. Five judges will consider the matter on Wednesday.

The order was granted at the end of last month on the application of MK Micha Harish, and two lawyers, Yehuda Raessler and Yehiel Yablonsky.

In a declaration attached to the reply, the ministry's deputy director general stated that the application had been made at the height of the summer and thus very late. Hence, the period for which a change could be made would be very short and of only marginal importance. The applicants' excessive delay should, in the state's opinion, disqualify them from gaining a hearing before the court.

The declaration said that it was impossible to institute summer time immediately. Even if there should be a case for so doing, two weeks would be needed to organize services such as transport and others that would be affected by the change. With mid-August the earliest possible start for summer time, the application loses all importance and is in effect a request for the introduction of autumn time.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg this year again examined the arguments for summer time. He concluded that there was no clear scientific evidence to substantiate claims such as the applicants had made that summer time would lead to savings in energy, increased efficiency, and an improvement in public health and welfare.

Shamir says Africa leaders are streaming to Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on Friday that Israel has been receiving a stream of African leaders and predicted that the 10-year break in diplomatic ties with most African states will soon end.

"Hardly a week goes by when there isn't someone here from Africa," Shamir said in a radio interview. "Few of the visits are reported, and Shamir declined to identify the visitors. Thirty African states severed ties with Israel during the 1973 October War in response to Arab promises of aid and to express solidarity with Arab countries.

"Zaire restored relations last year after Israel embarked on a large military assistance programme.

World Jewish population decreasing

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK. — The world Jewish population is dropping below zero-growth and is beginning a numerical decline that will accelerate in years to come, according to a study published by the Joint Distribution Committee Brookdale Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

The study conducted by Professor U.O. Schmelz, estimates that the number of Jews in the diaspora will drop significantly in the next two decades.

Despite the drop in overall Jewish population, there will be an increase in the number of Jewish elderly, particularly among the over-75s and especially in Israel, where the number in this group is expected to jump 150 per cent in the last quarter of this century.

By the end of the century one out of every five elderly Jews will be living in Israel, as compared with one in eight today.

Car bomb in Tripoli kills 19

TRIPOLI (AP). — A car bomb blew up the front of a crowded mosque during midday prayers on Friday in this Moslem port city in Syrian-controlled northern Lebanon, and police reported at least 19 persons killed and 43 wounded.

A second bomb, set off in a Christian neighbourhood in Beirut, collapsed the front section of a five-storey apartment building, killing a 17-year-old girl and wounding nine. Rescuers in Tripoli were still searching for victims in the rubble

PLO body supports Arafat

TUNIS (AP). — The PLO Central Council gave support to chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday by expressing "regret and great pain" over his June 24th expulsion from Syria.

The support came in a final communique issued after the council ended a three-day meeting on Friday night. The meeting had been called to consider ways to end the internal fighting within the PLO and improve relations with Syria.

It was the first time the Central Council had met since it was created in February as a liaison between the PLO's 14-member executive committee and the rank-

Budget battle goes into final stage

By AVI TEKIN
Post Economics Reporter
The budget cutting battle for today enters its final stage as the cabinet meets to discuss the economic situation and to hear Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's proposals for a 1550 billion-lash in government spending.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that in addition to the proposals the Treasury is considering the possibility of introducing new savings schemes, as a way of deterring the public from putting money into the local commodity market or spending on imports.

The Treasury and the Bank of Israel are concerned that the huge amount of foreign currency which the public has accumulated during the last few months may be converted back to local currency, and thus offsetting the influence of a cut in the government budget.

Treasury sources say that no decisions are expected to be taken at the meeting, since Aridor still has to convince several ministers on the need to approve his proposed cuts package.

Aridor is expected to be confronted in the cabinet by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who opposes the proposed 1520 billion slash in his ministry, and by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who is demanding that the cuts should be implemented within the framework of a new economic policy.

Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum, who clashed on Wednesday with Aridor on the results of the Treasury's economic policy, will also attend the Cabinet. Mandelbaum charged that the Treasury's policy aggravated Israel's balance-of-payments situation.

Despite that clash, Mandelbaum is expected to support Aridor's demand for a large budget cut, even at the cost of larger unemployment.

Some of the ministers are expected to press for an immediate decision on the proposed measures. One of them will be Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who declared last night that public uncertainty must be ended.

Aridor is expected to tell the cabinet that if the cuts in the budget are not implemented the country may face growing balance of payments problems and an increasing foreign debt.

The minister is also expected to announce that he will not allow a large devaluation of the shekel, since he regards this step as ineffective. Instead, he will try to curtail the public's purchasing power and standard of living.

Among the measures which the Treasury is considering are to introduce health fees, to tax transfer payments such as child allowances, to abolish tax exemptions, and to close down certain university departments.

Aridor apparently has the support of Prime Minister Menachem Begin in his clash with opposing ministers, which has encouraged the finance minister to go ahead with his proposals.

Nicaragua claims 1,250 rebels cross Honduras border

MANAGUA (Reuters). — About 1,250 right-wing rebels have infiltrated into Nicaragua across the tense northern border with Honduras, intelligence chief Julio Ramos said here on Friday night.

He told a press conference that task forces of 250 to 300 rebels had slipped into Nicaragua in twin-engine planes supplied by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

He showed reporters photographs of men standing by a Honduran military helicopter who he said were former national guardsmen for dictator Anastasio Somoza, ousted by Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista government.

Nicaragua says Honduran troops aid the rebels by providing cover fire for their escapes across the border after raids into Nicaragua and hostility between the two countries has raised fears of an all-out war.

Hammer: Free secondary school stays burden for the Treasury since it was funded by a levy on income payable to the National Insurance Institute.

Jerusalem Post Staff
There is no intention of abolishing free secondary schooling, Minister of Education Zevulun Hammer said last night.

The minister said that in meetings with senior Treasury officials he had been assured that there was no intention of raising such a proposal since it would clearly generate no extra revenue and instead gravely endanger the educational chances of wide sections of the population.

A ministry spokesman quoted Hammer as saying that when free secondary schooling was introduced in 1973 it had created no additional

French premier's symbolic Jewish meal

PARIS (JTA). — French Premier Pierre Mauroy and six of his closest aides ate a traditional Jewish meal on Friday at Jo Goldenberg's delicatessen, where terrorist gunmen killed six persons in an attack last year.

A mass meeting will be held on Tuesday to commemorate victims of the attack on the famed

Chad calls on France to intervene in war

N'DJAMENA. — President Hissene Habre of Chad yesterday appealed for French intervention in his nation's civil war as Libyan-backed rebels cut off government troops in the north and attacked the strategic town of Faya-Largeau. (See map, related story p.4).

"The Libyans want to totally destroy Faya-Largeau," Habre said at a news conference in N'Djamena, 800km. to the south.

"The Libyan bombing attacks have intensified," the president said. "They are committing genocide. Direct French air intervention is needed to counter the Libyan aggression."



A security officer examines the damaged interior of the Temple Israel synagogue, in Johannesburg. (UPI telephoto).

S. African synagogue damaged by blast

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — A pre-dawn explosion damaged a synagogue yesterday just a few hours before President Marais Viljoen was to attend a service, synagogue officials said.

A police spokesman said no injuries were reported in the explosion. No details on the cause of the blast or the extent of the damage were immediately available, he said.

Heather Mendel, wife of Temple Israel Synagogue Rabbi Norman Mendel, said she understood a bomb had gone off inside the temple. She said police cordoned off the area and she and her husband were not permitted inside.

She said the president, Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Lankin and other dignitaries had planned to attend a service marking the 50th anniversary of Progressive Judaism in South Africa. The service was shifted to Temple Emanuel in the nearby Johannesburg suburb of Parktown, she said.

Mendel said the synagogue had received a bomb threat before a service two years ago that turned out to be a hoax. Anti-Jewish leaflets had been pasted up at another city synagogue a year ago. She could not recall any previous anti-Jewish attacks in the area.

Soldier wounded in South Lebanon

An Israeli soldier was wounded yesterday in an ambush in Southern Lebanon, an Israeli Defence Forces communique said.

The wounded soldier and another, who was unharmed, were walking on a road near the Zaharani River, about 12 kilometres south of the Awali River, where Israeli forces will redeploy under the pending pullback.

Troops were searching the area for the attackers, the communique said. No other details were given.

IDF said to have taken 2 Syrian tanks

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Israel forces captured two Syrian tanks and their crews, which had apparently lost their way in Lebanon's Bekaa valley, newspapers reported yesterday.

The French-language daily, L'Orient-Le Jour said the incident happened early Friday in the Kafir Kik region. Quoting its correspondent in the area, the paper said the Syrians had obviously taken a

Ruling today on Abuhatzaira appeal

The Supreme Court is to announce its decision today on the appeal by former minister Abaron Abuhatzaira against his conviction for fraud, theft and breach of public trust.

He received a 4½ year suspended sentence for using government funds allocated to a charity he set up for his own purposes when he was mayor of Ramle in the 1970's. The court is also to decide on a

Israeli vehicles torched

NABLUS (JTA). — A car belonging to a resident of Elkana was set on fire on Friday evening after it broke down and was abandoned in Haris, a neighbouring village in Samaria. Police are investigating.

Reagan pledges support for Amin Jemayel

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies
U.S. President Ronald Reagan has pledged to "struggle" to free Lebanon from foreign occupation. In a message to Lebanon's President Amin Jemayel, Reagan said: "you can be certain of my backing in the next few months as we struggle together to return the whole of Lebanon to its people," Beirut radio reported.

Reagan formally notified Jemayel of the U.S. decision to sell the Lebanese Army 68 M-48A5 tanks drawn from the National Guard, the umbrella organization comprising the various U.S. state militias, according to the radio announcement.

"In a very short time, the Lebanese army will extend the authority of your state to areas that have been under foreign occupation and another part of your people will benefit from your strong and wise leadership and be proud of the ethics of the army, which will unify all Lebanese factions in Lebanon's great cause," Reagan was quoted as saying by the Arabic language broadcast.

This appeared to be an advance U.S. support for sending the army into the central Lebanese mountains once Israeli forces move out under a redeployment scheme that will pull the Israeli front line back to the Awali River in Southern Lebanon.

U.S. special envoy Robert McFarlane began a crucial visit to Syria yesterday amid reports he will propose a separation of forces in the

J'lem ready for concessions matched by Beirut, Damascus

Jerusalem Post Staff
Israel will apparently ease its opposition to announcing a timetable for the troop pullback from Lebanon if this gesture is matched by an easing in the Lebanese attitude and a parallel softening of Syria's refusal to withdraw its troops.

Sources in Jerusalem, assessing the situation yesterday, said that Israel sees the exchange of the instruments of ratification of the Lebanese-Israeli agreement as vitally important. They speculate that if Lebanon effects the exchange — a move that would bring the agree-

Shamir: Disengage forces

Jerusalem Post Staff
Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on Friday that a disengagement of Syrian and Israeli forces in Lebanon could reduce tensions while the U.S. works on a way to get all foreign forces out of Lebanon.

Shamir said a disengagement accord was discussed in talks with the U.S. government, but it was not raised as a concrete proposal for negotiations.

"A separation of forces can only help to reduce tensions and prevent a conflagration that no one wants," Shamir said in an Army Radio interview, summing up the first visit to Israel by U.S. President Ronald Reagan's new Middle East envoy Robert McFarlane.

Israeli and Syrian forces are squared off along Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley in positions that are only a few hundred metres apart in some places. Last Tuesday an Israeli soldier was killed in an exchange of fire.

Shamir said a troop disengagement would not interfere with Israel's basic strategy for persuading the Syrians to evacuate Lebanon simultaneously with the Israeli Army.

He said Israel wanted to show Damascus that "it is gaining nothing" in refusing to leave by putting into effect the Lebanese-Israeli

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S.B. 1985	MIN	MAX	WIND	WEATHER
AMSTERDAM	15	21	70	Cloudy
BIRMINGHAM	11	22	71	Clear
CHICAGO	20	28	86	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	16	21	88	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	12	18	84	Hazy
GENEVA	9	23	73	Cloudy
HILLESHEIM	19	26	77	Cloudy
HONG KONG	29	32	80	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	19	30	70	Clear
LISBON	18	21	88	Cloudy
LONDON	14	21	70	Cloudy
MADRID	18	24	93	Clear
MONTREAL	13	20	88	Cloudy
NEW YORK	14	20	81	Cloudy
PARIS	12	24	70	Clear
OSLO	14	27	76	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	11	22	72	Clear
SÃO PAULO	7	18	81	Clear
STOCKHOLM	14	27	72	Cloudy
TOKYO	22	27	81	Cloudy
TORONTO	22	27	81	Cloudy
VIENNA	12	18	84	Clear
ZURICH	8	23	73	Cloudy

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Safed 47/27	47/27	47/27
Haifa Port 47/27	47/27	47/27
Tiberias 43/23	43/23	43/23
Nazareth 43/23	43/23	43/23
Afula 58/38	58/38	58/38
Sharon 58/38	58/38	58/38
Tel Aviv 69/39	69/39	69/39
B-G Airport 59/39	59/39	59/39
Jericho 40/29	40/29	40/29
Gaza 35/29	35/29	35/29
Beersheba 34/24	34/24	34/24
Eilat 32/24	32/24	32/24

Birth

CHAIM. — A daughter to Janice and Ilan, sister to Ayelet, granddaughter to Sarah Beis and Albert Smolover.

Shamir says appointments not political

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Friday turned down complaints by his ministry's staff committee over alleged political appointments.
He said, in an Army Radio interview: "The two positions which are causing the fuss are the ambassador to Paris and the information officer in Washington. In neither case do I know the appointee's political views."
Shamir said a veteran of the foreign service once told him that the late Golda Meir, during her tenure as foreign minister, had given a strict order not to hire anyone who was not a member of Mapai. "I am sure nobody expects me to follow that instruction," he said. "There is an agreement, made, I might add during Yigal Alon's tenure, allowing the minister to appoint fifteen heads of consulates or embassies, and I have not deviated from that agreement."

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importance that Israel attaches to an exchange of instruments or of ratification.

It was not known last night if there had been any change to Lebanese opposition to Israel's redeployment. Beirut sees the move as a first step to a partition of Lebanon.

The sources indicated that there may be a chance for some movement in the negotiations to evacuate foreign troops from Lebanon. But, they stressed, even if this is some chance of progress — and there must be — it is conditional on a change in Syria's attitude — negotiations will continue over a long period and no far-reaching changes can be expected within a short time.

McFarlane is due back in Israel in the second half of the week.

Observers point to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's increased optimism in an interview with the army radio on Friday. Shamir indicated that he now saw chances of a successful outcome to the negotiations and to McFarlane's mission. Israel, as Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens have both pointed out several times recently, is meanwhile not prepared to go back on its redeployment plans (which are already under way). The U.S., for its part, is not at this stage ready to forgo its attempt to achieve a Syrian withdrawal either in parallel or with a somewhat modified timetable.

At the same time, it seems very likely that in his talks in Damascus, McFarlane will also have discussed a separation of Israel and Syrian forces, an idea that was brought up during Shamir's and Arens' recent visit to Washington.

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Jerusalem, August 3, 1983

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Mobutu defends ties with Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Visiting President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire has strongly defended his decision last year to re-establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

Mobutu, in Washington for talks with President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, did not appear to have any second thoughts about his move.

At the same time, he was bitter in condemning Libya's President Gaddafi for seeking to destabilize central Africa, especially in Chad and Upper Volta. He called Gaddafi "extravagant," adding: "He must be calmed down."

When Mobutu met reporters most of the session was devoted to the tense situation in Chad, but he was quite willing to discuss the impact of his bold decision to break ranks with other black African countries by re-establishing ties with Israel. That decision resulted in an initially severe Arab backlash against Zaire, although most recently the Mobutu government appears to have withstood that pressure.



Mobutu Sese Seko

Thus, Zaire today is certainly no pariah in the ranks of black Africa, maintaining cordial relations with most countries of the region. In fact, informed diplomatic observers noted, even some Arab countries which had publicly lashed out against Zaire's decision to re-open its embassy in Tel Aviv have quietly warmed up again in recent months.

Mobutu reviewed the history of Zaire's relations with Israel. He

referred to his October, 1973 speech at the United Nations announcing his decision to break ties with Israel, then in the midst of the Yom Kippur War.

At that time, Israel was occupying Sinai, which Mobutu noted was actually part of the African continent. But in that same U.N. speech, he promised that Zaire would re-evaluate relations with Israel after Sinai was returned to Egypt. When that occurred in accordance with the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, he said, Zaire resumed ties. Israel also dispatched an ambassador to Kinshasa, re-opening its own embassy there.

In response to another question, Mobutu confirmed that Zaire is currently receiving agricultural, technological and military training and advice from Israel.

Israel's relations with Zaire currently are very good, according to informed observers in Washington. Israel, naturally, would like to use the Zaire example as a springboard to re-open ties with other black African states as well. In the 'Sixties Israel had very extensive ties with most of black Africa.

Students' hard slog gets short shrift

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The bagrut exams, for which students spend years preparing, get an average of 15 minutes of attention from the teachers who grade them, according to a report on Kol Yisrael's Weekly Newsreel yesterday.

The teachers who work as test evaluators can earn a little over IS800 an hour, according to the report, but only if they fulfil quotas which average eight papers an hour. This means each evaluator can spend an average of seven and half minutes on each student's test answers. Each test is graded independently by two evaluators, and if the grades given by the two are too far apart, a senior evaluator reviews the paper and reaches a

compromise grade. Some of the evaluators interviewed expressed strong objections to the system. Shoshana Byer, chairman of the Secondary School Teachers Association, said many good teachers refuse to be evaluators because of the working conditions. Evaluators must work at the grading centre on the Hebrew University campus, which means (for teachers from outside Jerusalem) living in hotels away from home.

Byer said the quotas are set without regard to the individual teacher's work pace and abilities, and are frustrating for many evaluators. The close supervision at the centre is also resented by some

evaluators. Some teachers said they agreed to work as evaluators only under duress, after their principles and supervisors exerted pressure.

When the radio reporter asked a Ministry of Education official about this, he admitted that it is some "problematic" subjects, the schools are urged to send teachers to be evaluators because otherwise there would be no way to get all the papers graded.

On the other hand, one biology teacher said he welcomes the chance to work as an evaluator. It helps him to prepare students more effectively for their bagrut exams, and also enables him to earn an extra month's salary.

Shipment of Jordanian tanks sent to Lebanon

AMMAN (Reuters). — Jordan has sent 20 tanks and 15 armoured vehicles to Lebanon as the first batch of an arms shipment agreed between the two countries in April, informed sources said yesterday.

The arms supply agreement, which includes 20 more tanks to be delivered later, was reached during a visit to Jordan by Lebanese Defence Minister Issam Khoury.

5 prisoners flee Hebron lock-up—2 caught

HEBRON (Iim). — Five prisoners escaped from the police lock up here after throwing boiling tea in the face of an officer who brought them a meal, on Friday evening.

Two of the men — one of whom was being held on security charges — were caught by the security forces. One was captured later near the police station and a second was caught yesterday morning.

U.S. Embassy bombing; employee held

BEIRUT (AP). — A Lebanese employee of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut is being held in the bombing of the embassy last April, police sources revealed.

The sources said four or five other persons were being detained by Lebanese authorities, including at least one Palestinian.

No charges have yet been filed, but results of the investigation, including the names of those detained, are expected to be announced shortly.

Americans, were killed in the explosion in April. The bodies of several Lebanese employees, including a receptionist and a U.S. Information Service worker, were never recovered. FBI forensic experts flown in from Washington helped Lebanese police establish that the bombing was carried out by a pickup truck loaded with 900 kilograms of TNT. Witnesses said the truck forced its way into a crescent-shaped driveway, in front of the embassy and detonated the bomb.

Canada allocates relief funds for Palestinians

OTTAWA (AP). — Canada will send two million Canadian dollars to help Palestinian refugees build and maintain schools in Jordan, the West Bank and Syria, the external affairs department said on Thursday.

The move brings total relief aid to the U.N. Relief Agency for Palestinian Refugees to 6.2 million dollars this year, the department said in a statement.

It announced last week that all the aid has gone to war-torn Lebanon, but in fact the agency provides health and education aid to the other areas mentioned, an official explained.

Ali assails Israel, U.S., Syria on Lebanon

CAIRO (AP). — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said yesterday that he blamed Israel, the U.S. and Syria for the failure to get all foreign troops out of Lebanon.

"Several parties are to blame," Ali said in an interview with the weekly *Akhbar al-Yom*. "Israel for its inflexibility and insistence on preserving its own security without regard for the security requirements of other sides... the United States for expecting too much from the agreement (of May 17 on Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon)... and Syria for making the same mistake as Israel by demanding all or nothing."

Israel made implementation of the May 17 agreement conditional on the withdrawal of Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon simultaneously with Israeli troops. Syria rejected the agreement and said it was not pulling out.

Ali hinted at possible contacts between Egypt and Syria to break the deadlock in Lebanon. "Egypt believes that dialogue with Arab brothers is always useful and needed," he said.

Until the beginning of this year, Egyptian leaders had been saying Cairo had contacts with all Arab countries that severed diplomatic ties in 1979 except Syria.

Police (or municipal officials) stop skidding cars

PETAH-TIKVA (Iim). — There were a number of crashes between vehicles in the centre of town here on Friday morning after an unidentified tanker spilled large quantities of diesel fuel on the main street; but no one was hurt.

Municipal and police sources gave differing versions of who dealt with the problem. According to the municipal spokesman, a request for police aid was met with the answer that there was a shortage of manpower and nothing could be done until 11 a.m. Municipal officials then spread sand to prevent further skidding.

The local police commissioner said that police immediately arrived on the spot, called up two fire trucks to wash down the road, and spread sand, helped by passers-by.

500 Bonds leaders due here for parley

One of the largest delegations of Israel Bonds leaders and activists from the U.S., Canada, Latin America, and Europe, numbering over 500, will arrive in Israel on Tuesday for a nine-day conference to mark Israel's 35th anniversary year.

The gathering will strengthen and further develop ties between Israeli and overseas economic leaders, said an Israel Bonds spokesman. The main focus will be to update the Israel Bonds leadership on current economic, political and social developments.

Blasting Israeli society for rejecting released convicts and not giving them a chance to rehabilitate themselves, Malka said plans for ten prisoner-hostels cannot be implemented due to the objection of local authorities to have them within their territory.

The first of these hostels, intended to house within a community, prisoners on the verge of their discharge, was to have opened

CHAD CALLS

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Department officials said there was no imminent danger to Americans in Chad because virtually all of them are several hundred miles from the fighting.

On Thursday, the U.S. pledged another \$15 million to urgent military aid to Habre's government, bringing to \$25m. the total amount of Washington's commitment.

At his news conference, Habre called the U.S. and French aid "little and insignificant in the face of the increased Libyan aggression."

U.S. officials in Washington said Habre's situation was serious and getting worse.

Habre's officials denied another Libyan report claiming that the rebels had retaken the oasis of Oum Chalouba and adjoining Kalat, 320km. southeast of Faya-Largeau.

But U.S. State Department spokesman John Hughes said that the Department believed the report of Oum Chalouba's capture to be correct.

Egypt yesterday said it has positive evidence that Libyan forces are fighting in Chad on the side of anti-government rebels. Cairo is aiding President Habre with "everything it can" to defeat his regime, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said in an interview published in the weekly newspaper *Akhbar al-Yom*.

However, the joint American-Egyptian military exercises starting in the Western Desert close to the Libyan border on Wednesday are not aimed at scaring Libya, he added.

Libya said on Friday that it expects an imminent joint U.S.-French "aggression" on its territories and appealed to the Arab countries for a "unified stand to counter the plot," according to a Libyan radio announcement.

Education centres planned for 7 prisons

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MORE THAN 40 per cent of Israel's Jewish prisoners are illiterate, even though they have completed eight years of elementary study in Israel and have the Education Ministry certificates to prove it, said Prison Authority spokesman Rav-Kalai Shimoo Malka on a press tour of Kfar Yona prison.

In addition to 40.3 per cent illiterate prisoners, aged 18 to 25, just over half of the prisoners read and write on a fourth grade level, and only one to two per cent have the education equivalent to sixth grade and upwards.

To remedy the situation, which reflects the total failure of the Education Ministry, the Prison



Knesset speaker Menachem Savidor participates in discussions with Venezuelan leaders in Caracas, where he is heading an Israeli parliamentary delegation. (UPI/telephone)

\$1.67m. for pro-Israel hopefuls

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Thirty-one Jewish Political Action Committees (PACs) in the U.S. gave pro-Israel candidates \$1.67 million during the 1982 Congressional elections, *The Wall Street Journal* has reported.

That, the newspaper said, was more than during any previous election.

"American Jews have organized new financial muscle to back up their already powerful lobby for aid to Israel," it said on Wednesday in a lengthy report on Jewish political fund raising. The report cited figures released by the Federal Election Commission.

Some specific examples included: \$104,325 raised for Democratic representative Richard Durbin of Illinois, who defeated Republican Paul Findley, once the PLO's best friend on Capitol Hill.

\$355,550 spent to help elect or defeat members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, the two

House panels which consider foreign aid legislation.

\$78,807 contributed to help elect Democratic Senator George Mitchell of Maine, who is of Lebanese ancestry and a strong supporter of Israel.

\$232,039 given to six members of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

With the exception of the National PAC, or NATPAC, most of the other Jewish PACs are relatively small, with a strong local base. NATPAC raised more than \$1 million last year, distributing about half of it to pro-Israel Senate and House candidates.

Of the \$1.67m. given to candidates, the study showed, some 58 per cent went to Senate candidates, the rest to the House.

"Several ranking congressmen — most of whom wouldn't comment on the record for this story — say they believe the political effect of Jewish PAC money is greater than that of other major lobbies because it is skillfully focused on one foreign policy issue," the newspaper said.

Iraq claims Iranian town cut off

NICOSIA (AP). — Iraqi forces have launched a major counter-offensive in the central sector of the battlefield in the Gulf war, isolating seven Iranian border villages and besieging the town of Mehran, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported yesterday.

But the official Iranian news agency, IRNA, said that by early yesterday the overnight Iraqi attack had been "severely repulsed."

Iran had launched a large attack on the Mehran-Zurabieh front, 125 km. east of Baghdad, on July 29, and claimed capturing 100 sq. km. on both sides of the border.

Yesterday Iraqi communiques carried by INA said the counter-attack brought the Iraqi forces to the Mehran-Iran road in the northeast and the Mehran-Debiroo road in the southeast.

The communiques added that fierce fighting was still raging in the area and that the Iraqis intend to carry it on "until the planned objectives are reached."

The objectives of the attack were not spelled out, but INA said the thrust into Iran heralded on change in Iraq's "political attitude" and "we do not intend to maintain any Iranian territory."

Numeiry lashes out at Syria and Libya

KHARTOUM (AP). — Sudan Pharaoh Numeiry has demanded that Syria and Libya halt their hostilities against Lebanon, the PLO and Iraq, the official news agency said yesterday.

The agency published a cable it said Numeiry sent to President Hafez Assad of Syria and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi decrying alleged Syrian and Libyan involvement in destabilizing the three Arab parties. Numeiry said it was enough

that Lebanon faced Israeli occupation, without interference from its "presumed allies" to the Arab world.

"The Palestinians are being slaughtered in Southern Lebanon and El-Khail (Hebron) while in the Bekaa they are being subjected to your ambitions and conspiracies," Numeiry was quoted as writing. He added that Syria and Libya also were backing Iran, Iraq's enemy in the nearly three-year-old Gulf war.

U.S. plans to sell tanks to Lebanon

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Defense Department has notified Congress that it plans to sell Lebanon 68 M-48A5 tanks from the National Guard, the umbrella organization comprising the various U.S. state militias.

The tanks — along with ammunition, spare parts and related equipment — will be sold to the Lebanese army for about \$64 million.

"As the Lebanese government rears itself in the wake of recent hostilities, well-equipped and trained armed forces are essential to assuring that nation's sovereignty," the Pentagon said on Thursday.

The move comes as Israel prepares to pull its forces to Lebanon back to more defensible positions. The Lebanese Army, therefore, may have to occupy a larger area to prevent Palestinian or

hostile Lebanese factions from moving in.

The U.S. wants to re-equip, build up and train the Lebanese Army as soon as possible to assume the responsibility for security so it can avoid increasing its peace-keeping force commitment beyond the present 1,200 U.S. Marines.

Wallenberg birthday balloons

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — A 71-balloo salute and a massive birthday cake were among the highlights of a public observance to mark the 71st birthday of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved an estimated 100,000 Hungarian Jews during World War II and then disappeared after being arrested by Soviet forces in 1945.

The "birthday party" took place on Thursday opposite the UN Headquarters, easily visible to Soviet diplomats. The Soviet government contends that Wallenberg died in prison in 1947, despite a 14,000 page document by the Swedish government last summer which maintains that Wallenberg is still alive in Soviet custody.

Sponsored by the Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the U.S. and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the observance began with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Holocaust Memorial Wall on Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza to honour those whom Wallenberg was unable to save. The participants then proceeded to the Isaiah Wall at the U.N. for a public vigil followed by the cake-cutting and release of 71 yellow balloons on which were inscribed in blue "Happy Birthday, Raoul Wallenberg."

JTA reports from Washington that in a ceremony on Capitol Hill, Israel Ambassador Meir Rosenfeld presented 14-shelak stamps commemorating Wallenberg to present and former members of Congress who have been active in pressing the Wallenberg issue.

The campaign for Wallenberg was the subject of a special hearing of the Congressional Committee on Human Rights on Wednesday.

Seventy one blue and yellow balloons were released at the end of an hour-long vigil at the Soviet Embassy in London on Thursday. A message was read from Mrs. Nina Lagergren, Wallenberg's half-sister who lives in Stockholm. Pamela Manson, a leading British actress, recited Oscar Wilde's *Ballad of Reading Jail* and Psalms 13 and 23.

In Stockholm, Mrs. Lagergren led a silent vigil outside the Swedish Foreign Ministry to encourage it to keep pressing the Soviet authorities about the case.

Ali: Egypt sought maneuvers with U.S.

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has told a Cairo newspaper that Egypt requested the joint U.S.-Egyptian military maneuvers scheduled to begin this month.

In an exclusive interview, carried in its Saturday edition, Ali told the mass circulation weekly *Akhbar al-Yom* that the exercises were not part of an agreement or treaty between the U.S. and Egypt.

"The maneuvers are the consequence of an invitation made by our side to improve the efficiency of our armed forces, whose arms and equipment are increasingly American supplied," Ali said.

The month-long exercises, code-named Bright Star are scheduled to begin on August 10. Heavy military equipment has already begun to arrive in Alexandria.

BULLETIN

— A gangster sought by police after the massacre of seven people at a hotel in Avignon in southern France on Friday was found murdered yesterday.

Police said the naked and bullet-riddled body of a 49-year-old Jack Gouttenoire was stretched out in a field near Arles 30 kilometres from Avignon. (Earlier story, Page 4).

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved father, grandfather, brother and brother-in-law

MAX TAL

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, August 7, 1983, at 2.30 p.m. at the Herzliya Cemetery.

The cortege will leave the Vars Solomon Centre, Kfar Saba, at 2 p.m.

On behalf of the bereaved family — Ofra Goldan, Nina Tal, the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren

In deep sorrow, we announce the sudden passing of my dear husband, our uncle and brother-in-law

FRANZ WEISSKOPF

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 8, 1983 at 1 p.m. at the Holon cemetery.

We shall meet near the New Gate. A bus will be at the disposal of those wishing to attend, leaving from the deceased's house, 64 Shlomo Hamelech St., Tel Aviv at 12 noon.

Herta Weisskopf nee Meinhardt and all the family in Israel and abroad

My dearly beloved wife ROSI BOJER born D

NBC replies to charges of bias in war reports

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The truth was in the eye of the beholder as viewers of National Broadcasting Company news clips on the war in Lebanon disagreed on Friday whether NBC had or had not misrepresented the facts in their war coverage.

An audience of around 50, including journalists, government officials and members of the public, accepted the invitation of NBC Tel Aviv bureau chief Paul Miller to hear his side of the story, after the Government Press Office screened an anti-NBC film on Thursday. The group included many who had not seen the original film — produced by a New York-based organization called Americans for a Safe Israel — but who had read about the screening in Friday's *Jerusalem Post*.

Miller played about 15 minutes of the AFSI documentary on the videotape machine of the American Cultural Centre in Jerusalem, which had lent its facilities to the press office for its screening 24 hours before.

The NBC bureau chief showed about a dozen film clips prepared by his staff that, he said, were also broadcast on the *NBC Nightly News* in June and July of last year. Miller said NBC president Reuben Frank personally authorized him to present NBC's case.

One NBC film clip showing a hospital and a school in Beirut that

had been destroyed by Israeli bombs had appeared in the AFSI documentary. But Miller showed that the AFSI cut out commentary stating the Israeli position that the PLO positioned its arms caches and "guerrillas" in such locations in the hope that they would not be fired upon. AFSI had claimed that NBC "never mentioned" that the PLO often operated out of schools and hospitals.

Miller conceded that "the casualty figures were definitely badly handled" by NBC, which quoted Red Crescent figures of 10,000 civilian dead and 600,000 homeless. But he asserted that the Israeli figures were also not accurate, since they did not include casualties of Palestinians or in Beirut.

Other NBC news film broadcast during the first two months of the war showed Israeli soldiers' evacuation of Palestinian and Syrian wounded to Israeli hospitals; Israeli distribution of water to thirsty Lebanese refugees; and a refugee on a Lebanese beach who declared: "My house was completely destroyed, but I am happy. Thanks for Israel." This last item seemed such an odd statement to the NBC officials in New York that they questioned their Tel Aviv bureau, which assured them that it was typical. The item was broadcast. The AFSI documentary had stated that there was no mention of Israeli aid to the refugees and their enemies in NBC war reports.

On June 17, NBC reported the story of a Lebanese family wandering in a day without food, and who finally ate when Israeli soldiers "shared their lunch."

An Iraqi member of the PLO was shown, described by NBC as having been "paraded" before the press by the Israeli authorities. AFSI had claimed the NBC neglected to show the international connections of the PLO. "FSI had the benefit of a year of hindsight," said Miller, "but we broadcast this information about non-Palestinians in the PLO as soon as we learned about it, a few weeks into the war."

Members of the audience objected to the fact that NBC reporters in Israeli-controlled Lebanese territory consistently ended their stories by saying that they had been censored. The word "censored" was usually emphasized vocally. Miller said that this policy was set by Frank, "the son of an Israeli journalist and Zionist (Enzi Frank)." Miller insisted that the "censored" label was used also of reports emanating from Syria, as well as in certain coverage of the Falkland War. But NBC did not inform viewers that its reporters were not allowed to report certain events in Syria or elsewhere because "limitation of what a reporter can cover happens everywhere, including Washington."

Miller called the AFSI presentation a "lie," pointing out that the documentary accused NBC of

stating that Israeli had wantonly and randomly exercised violence against the Lebanese civilian population, when in fact, NBC "never did so."

Morton Dolinsky, acting director of the Government Press Office, told *The Post* that the NBC film presented by Miller "do add some balance" to the AFSI film. He asserted that he was glad that he had presented the AFSI film last week to bring the debate out into the open.

The accuracy of Lebanon war coverage was investigated in a report commissioned last year by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith conducted by an independent group of media specialists. The report acknowledged the networks' "desire for truth and accuracy," but found that they had been guilty of inflated casualty figures reported and not corrected, melodramatic portrayal of Israeli censorship, graphic daily coverage of the wounded and suffering that overwhelmed or overlooked the political, historical and military context of the situation. It also found a lack of critical analysis of the nature and background of the PLO role.

Watching selections of film collected separately by the AFSI and NBC, the average viewer at Friday's screening was unable to judge whether or not the network's coverage, over long months of fighting had indeed been fair, simply because the sampling was too small.



A member of the National Ballet of Zaire offers food to a Chinese guest at Tel Aviv's Grand Beach Hotel last week, at a special farewell party, in which the entire Zaire troupe of 50 delighted the other guests with an impromptu performance.

Dane studies an Israeli success story

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Danish Welfare Minister, Palle Simonsen, who visited here last week to learn about Israel's successful system of encouraging volunteers in the social services, told *The Jerusalem Post* that his government's interest in the subject stemmed from two factors: philosophical and budgetary.

The Conservative Party, of which Simonsen is a member, has always looked for ways to cut down the welfare bureaucracy, he said. "We want to maintain a high standard of services, but in certain areas simply paying people higher grants and hiring more clerks or even social workers won't solve the problem of the missing human dimension in the system."

He also attacked the "common attitude that government should solve all people's problems. This is not possible even with higher budgets."

Caught in the economic woes of many other western states, Denmark has been forced to cut its government budget in many areas, including welfare. "The economic situation is now forcing us to cut welfare budgets and look for alternative ways to provide services, such as volunteers, but the ideological reason is equally important," he asserted.

Volunteers could be especially useful in Denmark in working with the aged, as is done in Israel. Payments and services for the aged make up half of Denmark's welfare budget. While in Israel he visited several government and volunteer agencies to view volunteer work in action.

Simonsen also met with Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan, who is now trying to feed off the Treasury budget-cutting squad.

"One important lesson I learned here is that it is possible to change trends in modern society. One often hears in Denmark that it would be too difficult to motivate the public to do volunteer work in welfare. But here I learned how Israel greatly increased the number of volunteers in about seven years through programmes organized by the welfare ministry."

Storm over spot checks of tourism facilities

By AARON SITTNER
and MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Jerusalem hoteliers and restaurant owners expressed outrage this weekend after Tourism Ministry inspectors — violating standing rules — disclosed the findings of a spot check of hotels, eating places and other spots in the capital frequented by overseas visitors.

"Dirty kitchens, broken furniture, peeling plaster, rooms overcrowded with the price of too many rooms and food-and-beverage above the authorized" levels were discovered in the surprise snoop, the first in a series to be carried out throughout the country.

Hotel executives and other tourist establishment operators were summoned to a meeting with ministry officials on Thursday to be told of the shortcomings and warned to correct them.

But one of the angry proprietors asked, "What's the use of calling us in after we have read about it in the papers and heard it on the radio? Is the ministry interested in improving conditions and boosting tourism, or does it really want to make sensational headlines and scare away potential visitors from abroad?"

At the four-star Shalom Hotel, the inspectors reportedly found uncovered trash cans, kitchen detergents too close to food, an unclean breadbox, and torn sheets in guest rooms.

At another four-star hotel, the President, the ministry investigators found rooms with five beds, low water pressure, rooms without radios and a pool-side area not properly cleaned up following a wedding held there several hours earlier.

At the five-star Sheraton Hotel, beer and soft drinks were being sold

at prices exceeding the maximum set by the Tourism Ministry in an order published several months ago.

A spokesman for the city's restaurant association said that two West Jerusalem eateries — Venezia and La Gondola — had been faulted for price gouging while one leading restaurant in East Jerusalem, Hassan Effendi, failed to meet sanitary requirements.

The spokesman defended the high prices. He said restaurateurs, unlike hoteliers, must pay VAT and employers payroll taxes. What is more, they must pay purchase taxes and customs duties on their furniture and equipment, while hoteliers are exempted and even receive government-subsidized loans for working capital.

Dubi Shiff, manager of Shiff chain hotels in Jerusalem (including the President) agreed. He said: "Compared with other hotels in this city, our establishments, the President and Diplomat, are outstanding. Allegations of unsanitary kitchen facilities must be taken with a grain of salt. A few months ago such allegations were hurled at the Diplomat and later found to be inaccurate. If the ministry really wants to act, let them take offenders to court and prove their case. Otherwise they should shut up. No one, and that includes the Israeli economy, will gain from a sharp drop in tourism brought about by sensational headlines."

David Goldfine, manager of the Sheraton Hotel, denied that he had attempted to keep the inspectors from entering his hotel. He said: "I welcome spot checks, and even went out to the lobby to meet the inspectors."

"As for their findings, I do not deny that our soft drink prices are higher than those prescribed by the Tourism Ministry. Their prices are impossible, unfeasible and unaccept-

table. What is more, we never serve coke, beer or even soda by themselves. We always add olives and nuts, or cheese and crackers. In addition, we offer piano music from the late afternoon till midnight. That, too, is included in the price of a soft drink. As for tea and coffee, we do not sell a cup of tea or a cup of coffee. We sell a pot of tea or a pot of coffee. The ministry's price list speaks only of a cup of this or a cup of that."

The Israel Tour Operators Association on Friday joined hoteliers in blasting the Tourism Ministry for its inspection raids, maintaining that such actions will deter tourists from coming to Israel. A spokesman for the association, Avraham Reiss, said that flaws should be corrected and measures should be taken against offenders, but not by making headlines in the press. He said that the hotel services in Israel are known to be good and 90 per cent of the tourists are satisfied, according to questionnaires filled by the guests.

"He admitted, however, that exorbitant prices for 'extras' are a sore point and should be corrected. He noted that the Tourism Ministry's inspection findings were not systematic but random, based on one single inspection."

"I am surprised and disappointed by the criticism in the tourist trade," Tourism Minister Avraham Shinar said on Friday. "Why should they be afraid of inspection? Don't they want the tourism services in Israel to improve? They should be the first to take inspection findings seriously."

Tourism Ministry sources said the inspection raids will continue until the end of the tourism season. They noted that tourism has been recovering and has increased over the past three months. Some 120,000 tourists arrived last month.

Brazilian film festival starting this week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A three-week Brazilian film festival starts at the Tel Aviv Museum next Tuesday with the screening of *The Kiss*, directed by Bruno Barreto. Eight new films were brought to Israel for the occasion by the Embedtime Company. Some will be shown at the Venice Film Festival later this month.

Among the other directors whose films will be screened at the festival are Nelson Pereira dos Santos, Neville D'Almeida, Marcos Magalhães and Hermano Penna.

The films will also be shown at the Jerusalem and Haifa cinemateques.

Road accidents blamed on instinctive drives

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Most people accept road accidents as a natural part of life and are not really interested in doing anything about them, psychologist Dr. David Rudy said on an Israel Radio programme on Friday.

"We accept death on the roads the way people in the 15th century accepted plagues. Although we do not know it, we have an unconscious desire to participate in the deaths of others, even if we put our own lives in danger in the process."

"Man is a wild animal with two basic instincts, sex and aggression. Sex perpetuates the species, while aggression is meant to keep the individual alive."

He said all analyses of the reasons for road accidents are technical, dealing with the quality of roads, the types of brakes, reaction time, and so forth, rather than with the psychological route of the problem.

"People complain that the roads in Israel are not good, but in Europe, where they have excellent highways, there are also accidents..."

"When I hear about a road accident, I am very sorry, and if someone would press me for my opinion on what to do about it I could make suggestions. However, there

is no real enthusiasm; I have no interest in starting a party or movement to deal with the problem, and neither does anyone else."

Victims of road accidents are simply taking advantage of the opportunity to fulfill their instinctual wishes, he said, though of course they do not realize they are doing so. "If they realized it, they would not let it happen."

He proposed a computerized car which, on principles similar to that of a lie detector, would warn the driver when he/she is unfit to drive because of fatigue or other conditions, and would even shut off the car motor automatically if the driver failed to heed the warning.

However, he himself did not take the idea seriously, and left the listener with the feeling that there is no solution to the problem and that accidents, given the human psyche, are inevitable.

The Transport Ministry road safety division will distribute a quarter million moisturized paper face towels to drivers today as part of its "Pass the Summer in Safety" campaign. The towels are to be given out as a reminder to drivers to stop and freshen up if they grow tired behind the wheel.

Police and army personnel will take part in the activities, which include an information campaign in the media.

2 vehicles among stolen goods found in Gaza

GAZA (Itim). — A truck full of kitchen equipment, cleaning materials and paper products, apparently stolen from a Jerusalem supermarket, was among the stolen items discovered by a police dragnet in Khan Yunis and a number of refugee camps near here.

In a special operation to find goods stolen in Israel, the police also turned up a Peugeot 404 tender, allegedly stolen from Yavoe, a Subaru car from Jaffa, a generator, a movie camera, electrical goods and building materials.

Police made some 20 arrests. Local Police Chief Mordechai Avitun said that the recent operation was one of a regular series.

Fungicide production barred in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Negev Regional Health Officer Violeta Turek told *The Jerusalem Post* that her department will not permit the local Machtshim Chemicals Plant to continue manufacturing its Merpan fungicide product in Beersheba.

The production of Merpan has mostly been transferred to Machtshim's Ramat Hovav facility, 12 kilometres south of the town; but one small plant in town has continued production. It was due to be transferred to Ramat

Hovav two months ago.

The local health authorities believe that it was chiefly the production of Merpan that caused a week-long stench which drew complaints from local citizens. Machtshim denied the smell was connected with its factories; but local residents say the smell has gone away now that the entire plant has closed down for its annual vacation.

Health officials say that the smell was caused by industrial waste in wadi Beersheba, almost all of it from the Machtshim plant.

Druse make peace in identity cards dispute

KIRYAT SHMONA. — The dispute between Druse who accepted Israeli identity papers and those who refused them was publicly declared to be over following a *sulha* held last week in the Druse villages of the Golan.

The *sulha* was held on the initiative of Druse religious figures from Lebanon, with the participation of the spiritual leader of the Druse in Israel, Sheikh Amio Tarif. It was announced that the religious ban declared on Druse who had accepted the identity cards would be lifted soon.

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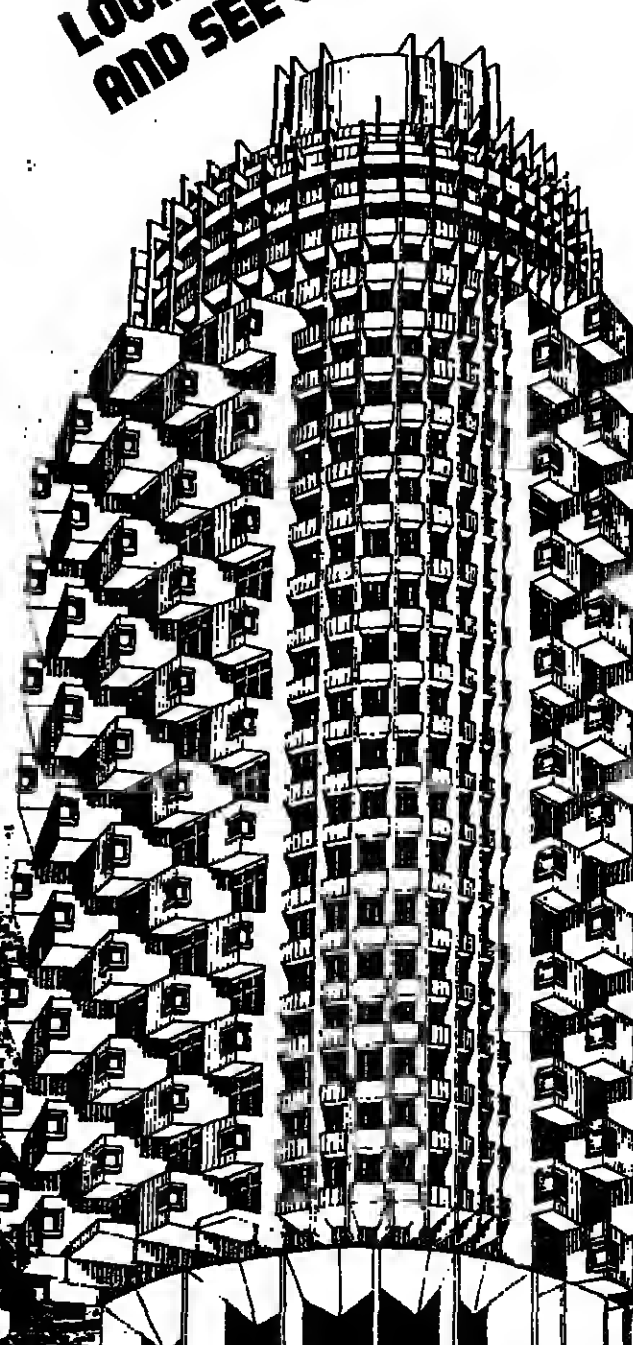
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Pro-Libyan officer grabs power in Upper Volta

ABIDJAN. — Upper Volta yesterday appeared headed for radical changes following the overthrow of its moderate military ruler by a group of left-leaning officers on Thursday, according to diplomatic sources in Ouagadougou, the capital.

Foreign residents in the city said yesterday that the country was quiet and remained under a dusk-to-dawn curfew with its borders still sealed. Small army units were reported guarding key buildings but otherwise the atmosphere was normal, they said.

Captain Thomas Sankara, a flamboyant 34-year-old paratrooper commander who led the coup against now detained president Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo, promised he would lead his impoverished West African country of 6.9 million on a "progressive path."

Sankara has links with Libya. Ouédraogo was considered pro-western.

After the coup, the fourth since Upper Volta became independent from France in 1960, Sankara set up a National Revolutionary Council.

Its make-up has not been disclosed, but the council was believed to include other radical officers such as Captain Blaise Compaoré, 32, who led a revolt of his paratrooper regiment when Sankara was sacked as prime minister on May 17.

The coup left three civilians and two soldiers dead, according to official reports. Unofficial sources said as many as 13 persons may have been killed in Ouagadougou.

Libya has praised Upper Volta's

coup. In Tripoli, the official Libyan news agency JANA accused Ouédraogo's regime of "imposing misery, hunger and sickness on the people" and detaching itself from African causes. JANA said Sankara had the massive support of Upper Volta's population.

Sankara, in an interview on Friday, said: "I regret that we are considered pawns of Gaddafi. Colonel Gaddafi is a chief of state who has been able to solve the problems of his country," Sankara said. "But Libya is not Col. Gaddafi. There is surely a lot to learn in Libya, but we can't copy their experiences and that's why we can't speak of pawns."

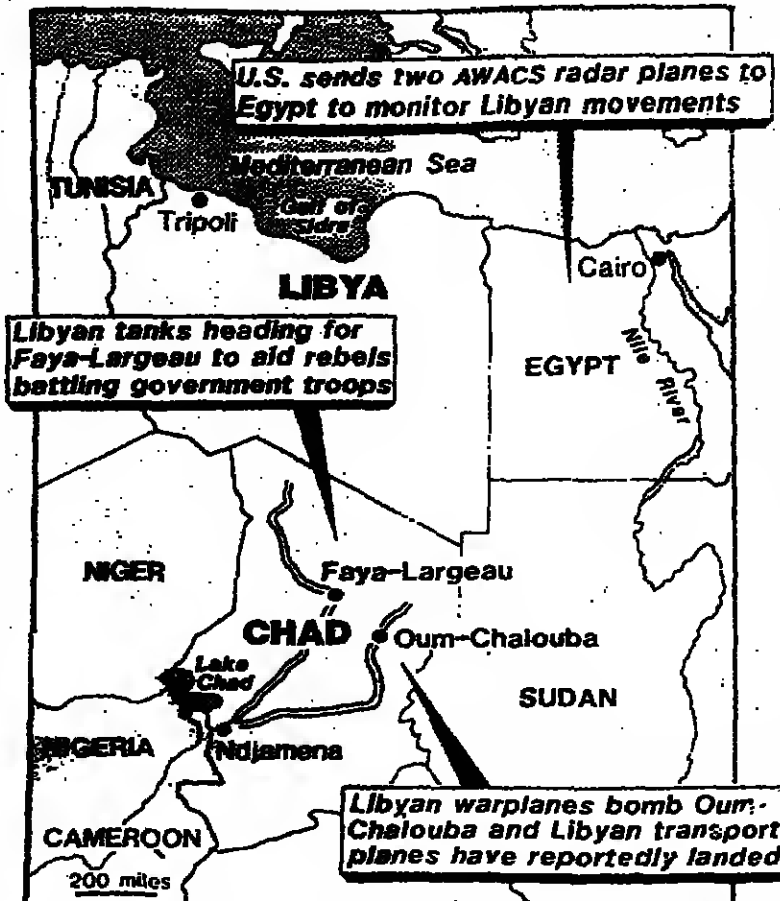
Turkey orders £146m. in missiles from UK

LONDON (Reuters). — Turkey has ordered £146 million worth of Rapier low-level anti-aircraft missiles from Britain, press reports said yesterday.

This would make Turkey the first member of the NATO alliance outside of Britain to adopt Rapier for its air defense. The missile has been bought by 11 nations in deals worth £1.2 billion.

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Congress works out a budget allowing for MX, B-1 plans

WASHINGTON (AP). — Congressional negotiators have agreed to let the U.S. Department of Defense spend up to \$187.5b. — \$10.5b. less than President Ronald Reagan requested, but including provision for the MX missiles and B-1 bombers he sought, it was disclosed on Friday.

The defense authorization bill was worked out behind closed doors by members of the Senate and House of Representatives' armed services committees in a series of sessions that ended late Thursday night. The fiscal year starts October 1. Final action on the bill will be taken after Congress returns from a month-long recess.

The committee provided \$2.1b. for production of 21 MX missiles and \$2.64b. for research and development on the weapons, a smaller mobile missile and related technologies.

They also accepted a house provi-

sion that links the deployment schedule of the 10-warhead MX with progress in developing the smaller, single-warhead missile informally called "Midgetman."

For the B-1 bombers, which are scheduled to start replacing the aging B-52s starting in 1986, \$3.76b. was authorized to buy the first 10 planes and \$749.9m. earmarked for research and development.

The administration received \$18.1m. to begin producing components for 155-mm. artillery shells that would carry deadly nerve gas, and \$96.5m. for related production facilities.

The nerve gas question was among the most closely fought topics in both chambers, and opponents have vowed to continue the battle when the conference report is considered when the current congressional recess ends in mid-September. It would be the first production of nerve gas in a decade.

Sri Lanka: No foreign troops

COLOMBO (Reuters, AP). — Sri Lanka's President Junius Jayewardene has told Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that his country does not need foreign military help.

The government announced yesterday that Jayewardene told Gandhi by telephone that Sri Lanka's security forces could deal with any contingency.

The Sri Lankan parliament voted on Friday to outlaw all demands of separatism for minority Tamils, and the government quickly followed with a plea to Tamils to seek

reforms within the system.

Officials said the island was fast returning to normal, following ethnic violence last week between the Sinhalese and Tamil communities in which at least 295 people were killed and many houses and shops were destroyed.

Rumours of Sri Lankan requests for military help from abroad were untrue, the statement added.

Jayewardene had responded to an offer of help from Gandhi by saying food and medicine would be useful for the thousands of people displaced by the riots.

Massacre at French hotel—seven slain

AVIGNON (AP). — Two thieves shot and killed seven persons early on Friday during a botched attempt to break into safety deposit boxes at a hotel in this southeastern French city, police said.

The victims included Lucien Andre, 53, the French consul general in Saarbrücken, West Germany. Three other guests at the Sofitel Hotel and three employees also were killed.

One of the suspected killers was captured after a chase through Avignon, a popular holiday spot on the banks of the Rhone River.

The two gunmen had entered the hotel, and ordered three employees

to open the hotel's safety deposit boxes. Neither the hotel's receptionist, bell hop nor bartender had keys to the safes.

The gunman forced the three employees to the hotel's third floor where the manager's apartment was located. The thieves ran into four guests in the hallway of the third floor and took them hostage.

All four guests and the employees were then killed.

Police said details of the murders were unclear. They said five bodies were discovered in one room on the third floor while the other bodies were found in two nearby rooms.

Man kills self in jump from Empire State

NEW YORK (AP). — A 28-year-old man jumped to his death on Friday from his office on the 26th floor of the 102-story Empire State building. It was the third suicide from the building this year.

Officials said the man, whose identity was not revealed pending notification of his family, landed on a sixth-floor setback on the north side of the building and was pronounced dead at the scene.

35 IRA men rack up 4,000 years jail

BELFAST (AP). — With two police marksmen at his side, a judge in Belfast's no-jury court on Friday sentenced 35 alleged Irish Republican Army terrorists to a total of more than 4,000 years in jail — all on the word of a single informer.

Judge Basil Kelly, who wore a bulletproof vest under his robe, released 13 of the defendants, including a 71-year-old grandmother and three other women, by giving them suspended jail terms.

Kelly, a former Protestant member of the British Parliament, handed down the sentences at the end of a 121-day trial — the longest and most expensive in Irish history. Overnight in Belfast, about 100

youths hurled gasoline bombs and rocks at anti-riot police, injuring one officer slightly. Police fired plastic bullets to disperse the crowd, but there were no arrests.

In Strabane, near the Irish border, a bomb blast destroyed a furniture store early on Friday, but police had evacuated the building after receiving a warning. A few kilometres away in Armagh, another store was gutted in a firebomb attack, police said.

Defendants in the Belfast trial were brought into the dock one by one to face a litany of charges including murder, shootings, conspiracies and membership of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

The defendants pleaded innocent to nearly all the charges.

Dozens of armed officers snatched the courtroom and sharpshooters kept watch from roof-tops. Two marksmen from the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's main police force, stood guard in the courtroom to protect Kelly.

The trial cost the government an estimated £1 million and was based on the testimony of Christopher Black, an IRA terrorist who turned informer.

Black, 29, who was granted immunity, testified for 16 days. He and his family have been smuggled out of Northern Ireland for safety.

Pollution threat as supertanker splits in two

CAPE TOWN (AP). — A loaded Spanish supertanker caught fire and broke in two off the southern tip of Africa yesterday, sending a slick of flaming oil into the Atlantic and threatening one of South Africa's top marine bird sanctuaries.

Thirty-three members of the crew were reported rescued after they abandoned the 139,000-ton Castillo de Bellver. The three other crewmen were reported missing. The cause of the accident was not immediately known.

Helicopter pilot Michael Gardner, who rescued a crew member by hoisting him from the aft section, said: "We were just flying past and saw him waving his hands on the deck."

A fishing trawler and container ship rescued the other crew members.

Capt. Okkie Grapow, chief of operations of South Africa's semi-public shipping company, Safmarine, said that the stern had been

lost in flames and smoke and vanished from radar screens for about two hours, but was still afloat.

The bow was drifting toward an area that includes the Langebaan Lagoon, a 26-kilometre-long coastal strip which is a protected area for marine and bird life. The wreck was trailing an oil slick 30 km long and 5 km wide. Authorities were preparing for possible major pollution.

The ship was carrying 200,000 tons of crude oil en route from the Persian Gulf to Spain.

North Korean raiders killed

SEOUL (AP). — South Korean troops, planes and patrol boats sank a North Korean "spy boat" and killed four commando frogmen who tried to land near a nuclear power plant on the southeast coast, the defence ministry said.

Gen. Lee Ki Baek, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said the bodies of the communist agents were recovered from the water, along with arms, underwater diving gear, a radio transmitter, a poisoned needle and other items.

Lee said a South Korean patrol boat sustained some damage from North Korean fire on Friday, but there were no casualties.

Later on Friday, a South Korean patrol boat sighted two Japanese fishing boats in the Tsushima Strait, mistook them for North Koreans, and opened fire, the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency and the Kyodo News Service reported. The maritime agency said the boats were not hit, and Kyodo said the South Korean government apologized.

The defence ministry said that the target of the North Korean frogmen was the nuclear power station at Wolsong, three miles from the beach where they tried to land.

A 17th defendant, also, indicted

Hiroshima marks 38th year since A-bomb

TOKYO (AP). — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, Hiroshima Mayor Takeshi Araki and more than 48,000 other people attended a memorial service at the Hiroshima peace park yesterday in remembrance of the estimated 150,000 who perished 38 years ago.

In the nationally broadcast and televised service, the officials called for nuclear disarmament.

"The human race is standing on the verge of ruin amid heightening nuclear rivalry, centring around the United States and the Soviet Union," Hiroshima Mayor Takeshi Araki said. Nakasone said that Japan "as the only nation which has experienced the atomic bomb" has "the responsibility to be a leader in seeking lasting world peace."

The prime minister reiterated his position that Japan must maintain its non-nuclear principles: banning the production, possession and introduction of nuclear weapons.

The anniversary brought out hundreds of anti-war protesters in demonstrations throughout the U.S. In towns large and small, Americans held candlelight vigils, meditated and fasted, and listened to speakers describing the horrors of nuclear war.

In the Little Tokyo section of Los Angeles, the Asian-Americans for Nuclear Disarmament and the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors scheduled Christian and Buddhist memorial services and a candlelight procession.

16 get death for Ghana coup attempt

LONDON (AP). — A public tribunal in Ghana has sentenced 16 people to death for their part in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Flight-Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings on June 19, state-owned Accra Radio reported Friday.

A broadcast monitored here said the tribunal on Thursday sentenced the unidentified 16 people to death by firing squad.

A 17th defendant, also, indicted

was given a 10-year prison term "on the grounds that he did not play a major role in the coup attempt," the radio said.

Only three of the convicted appeared in court. They pleaded innocent. The rest were tried in their absence.

Some of those sentenced already had been convicted of conspiring to topple the government in an abortive coup November 23, 1982.

Nigeria goes to the polls—incumbent favoured

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP). — The three leading political parties in Africa's most populous country forecast victory in yesterday's presidential election, a major test of democracy on a continent wracked by political violence.

Many Nigerian observers and

western analysts on Friday gave the edge to the incumbent, Shagari, 59, of the National Party of Nigeria. The director-general of Shagari's campaign, Umaru Dikko, said that "there is no question" the president will be re-elected to a second, four-year term.

Supporters of the two other major candidates — Chief Obafemi Awolowo of the Unity Party of Nigeria, and Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe of the Nigerian People's Party — also spoke optimistically as Nigeria's 65 million registered voters prepared to apply their thumbprints to paper ballots bearing symbols of the six parties. Results of the vote will probably not be known till Tuesday.

Rock star David Crosby gets 5-year jail term

DALLAS (A). — Rock singer David Crosby was sentenced on Friday to five years in prison for possessing cocaine, which police found last year in his dressing room at a nightclub.

The 42-year-old founding member of the Byrds and Crosby, Stills and Nash showed no emotion as sentence was pronounced.

His attorneys said Crosby would appeal his June conviction, and he was released on \$8,000 bond.

State District Judge Pat McDowell also sentenced Crosby to three years in prison for illegally possessing a firearm at the nightclub in northwest Dallas. The two sentences will run concurrently.

A sign of U.S. boom—jobless rate plunges

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The unemployment rate in the U.S. dropped sharply to 9.5 per cent last month as the labour market benefited from the nation's vigorous economic recovery, the government reported on Friday.

Last month's reduction from June's 10 per cent jobless rate meant more than half a million people found employment, the Labour Department said. It was also the first time in 10 months the rate had been below 10 per cent.

COSMOS. — The Soviet Union launched the Cosmos-1487 satellite on Friday and scientific and radio equipment aboard the craft were "functioning normally," the official news agency Tass said.

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The making of Fun City

By CAROL COOK / Jerusalem Post Reporter

SOME OPPONENTS of Mayor Shimon Lahat allege that Tel Aviv is on the road to bankruptcy, and if this is true, the summer of 1983 will be remembered as its final fling. But on turning Tel Aviv into Fun City, the municipality is serving up a sumptuous menu of free entertainment that is keeping residents busy almost every night of the week.

You can dance the tango, the waltz, and the cha-cha to a live band on Monday and Wednesday evenings near the Wohl Amphitheatre; hear concerts on Saturday night at the acoustic shell in Hayarkon Park and enjoy outdoor entertainment nightly in Old Jaffa. There is a music-cafe on Saturday nights on Bialik Street and classical music on Wednesdays in Meir Park.

It seems that almost every green space and public square has been turned into a stage for the summer. There are daytime activities, too. For early risers, the city is offering gymnastics sessions on the beach. An outdoor art fair has taken over Kikar Namir. New blue-and-white chairs have sprouted on the shoreline promenade for strollers who want a rest.

The municipality says its budget for entertainment this summer is \$35 million. According to Yossi Koso, manager of the municipality's culture department, this is only some 20 per cent over last year. But some of the individual items in the municipal budget reflect a much larger increase. Concerts in Hayarkon Park, for example, budgeted at \$688,000 in 1982, jumped to \$7 million in 1983. Entertainment in Jaffa zoomed from \$330,000 to \$3,350,000.

These figures do not include the cost of advertising all the summer events. Not content with the traditional kiosk posters, the municipality has been taking large display ads in the Hebrew press every day. Bank Leumi and Bank Discount pick up some of the advertising costs, which city spokesman Yehonatan Rimmon described only as "not cheap."

FROM THE municipality's point of view, the price tag is well worthwhile in an election year. The only ones who could possibly object are those old sourpusses in the opposition, who keep talking about the \$4 billion budget deficit. (Just last week, the city council voted to expand the budget by an additional \$750 million. Arie Zucker, of

Mapam, has warned that the opposition — which voted against the budget increase — may go to the High Court of Justice over the issue.) None of this bothers the mayor, who is sure the Treasury will bail Tel Aviv out of whatever debts it may incur.

And just to make sure the Fun City message sinks in, the summer's entertainment has been accompanied by a media blitz aimed at creating a new image for the world's first Jewish metropolis.

"The problem with Tel Aviv is that it has an image like New York," says Yosef Hadar, head of the municipality's tourism department. "People think of it as a place to go to a concert or the theatre, not as a vacation spot. We want to show them that Tel Aviv is fun."

Accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism launched the "I Like Tel Aviv" (Toi Li b'Tel Aviv) campaign in mid-June. The slogan was coined by Eshkol Tourism Advertising, which has done a whole series of promotions for vacation spots around the country, designed to entice Israelis to spend their holidays at home. Toi Li appears on tee shirts, bumper stickers, posters, a radio jingle, and a series of television "service announcements." The TV ads so riled Lahat's opponents that the Broadcasting Authority

Street scene in Old Tel Aviv



Boating on the Yarkon (left); pleasures of the seafarer.

took them off the screen. Tourism Minister Avraham Shinar, a fellow Liberal, is trying to put them back on.

Meanwhile, the jingle continues on the airwaves: "I like Tel Aviv. A lively, sparkling city. A city that has everything. For resident and visitor,



(David Brauner)

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Does that sound more like electioneering for "Chich" than tourism promotion? Lots of people think so.

"The timing of this campaign is certainly peculiar," comments the public relations director of a major Tel Aviv hotel.

"The reference to residents is direct proof that it's election propaganda," fumes Shinui's mayoral candidate, MK Mordechai Virshupski. "The Tourism Ministry is supporting Lahat's election campaign."

Be that as it may, the entire media blitz is a thoroughly Liberal affair. Eshkol is an affiliate of Admon Advertising, whose director, David Admon, is the chairman of the Tel Aviv Liberal Party. And Admon is doing all the newspaper ads for the "Summer '83" events.

THE MAYOR himself is taking an active part in the events, acting as master of ceremonies at the Saturday night musical programmes in Hayarkon Park. At the main concert, given by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in July, he shared the spotlight with conductor Zubin Mehta and violinist Itzhak Perlman. Looking down at the audience, estimated at between 150,000 and 300,000, Lahat congratulated them on their attentiveness and warmth. "With an audience like this," he said, "You cannot lose — only win."

That concert cost \$70,000, all of which was raised through donations to the Tel Aviv Development Foun-

Essence of government

OFF MIKE
Michael Elkins

DURING THE SIX YEARS that Menachem Begin has been prime minister, I have occasionally referred to him as "a giant."

Whenever I have done this, most of my friends — those who oppose Mr. Begin's policies — have regarded me with a mixture of pity and disgust, as though before their eyes and like the protagonist in Franz Kafka's story, I had metamorphosed into a cockroach.

These friends stand on one side of the deep, jagged, and increasingly dangerous gap which divides this nation. On the other side stand those for whom the king can do no slightest wrong, and for whom any other opinion is heresy to be met by excommunication and violence.

And so I, and those who think as I do, stand uncomfortably in between, ducking the brickbats.

But I have never spoken of Mr. Begin as "the Jolly Green Giant" — chortling with good humour, lovable and beneficent. I have never seen him as this. Indeed, his public personality irritates me; his style of rhetoric unbalances my tolerance; his methods of government distress me; and his policies — for the most part — appal me.

However, none of this affects the reality, which is that on our stage, Mr. Begin "doth bestir the world like a Colossus." It may indeed be that this is not because he is so "huge," but that the others on stage here in Israel are "petty men"; but that too does not affect the reality of Mr. Begin's eminence.

Nor is this reality affected by the substantial indications that he is afflicted, beset, diminished, sad. For he staggers, but he stands. And when — sometimes dangerously late — he is stirred, or bestirs himself, to exercise his authority,

the cabinet does his bidding, his party comes to heel, and the Knesset majority does not gainsay him. NOW, having thus given Mr. Begin his due, and from the "in between" position I occupy, I call upon the prime minister to resign his office, and not again to seek or accept the premiership.

I urge this not because I oppose his policies — which I do; and not because I think he would be defeated in an election. I think he would be returned to power.

I call upon Mr. Begin to resign and to withdraw from political leadership because I think that, in his own terms, he has lost his way.

Speaking in the Knesset on July 21 about Syria's refusal to withdraw its forces from Lebanon, the prime minister put this rhetorical question: "If the enemy does not fulfil what is demanded of him, can the blame for it be put on the cabinet, which manages things on behalf of the majority of the people, the majority of the Knesset?"

The answer to the question is yes. That's what cabinets are for; most particularly that's what prime ministers are for — to formulate policy, to make decisions, and to take the blame when those policies fail and those decisions prove, for whatever reason, to have been disastrously wrong. This is the role, the very essence, of government.

The fact that Mr. Begin has put this question — he, who of all our premiers since Ben-Gurion has asserted personal leadership — indicates that the prime minister no longer sees himself as controlling events, but as being controlled by them; that he no longer sees himself as an active leader, but as a reactive one.

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The power of the parole board

LAW REPORT / Asher Felix Landau

the statutory purpose for which it was created. It can be assumed that the central — though not the only — consideration is the possibility of the prisoner returning to a life of crime after his release. In this regard it is proper to consider his conduct in prison, the prospects of his rehabilitation, his criminal past, the nature of his offence, and other similar considerations.

As was held by Chief Justice Agranat, "Just as a prisoner's good conduct does not entitle him automatically to a reduction of his sentence, so his criminal past does not necessarily lead to a denial of his early release. The board must weigh all the circumstances together which relate to the prisoner's motives, and which will operate to restrain him from endangering the security of the State or the safety of the public."

In this context U.S. Chief Justice Burger had laid down that "The choice involves a synthesis of record facts and personal observation filtered through the experience of the decision-maker and leading to a predictive judgment as to what is best for the individual inmate, and for the community."

Moreover, Justice Barak continued, the board must act as is required of every administrative and quasi-judicial authority — reasonably, fairly, without discrimination and caprice, weighing only relevant considerations, observing the rules of natural justice, and giving a reasonably detailed decision. If the penal policy adopted and applied by the board conforms with these principles, its decisions will be valid, even if there may be differences of opinion as to what that policy should be.

JUSTICE BARAK then pointed out that until 1980, the power to review decisions of the Prison Parole Board resided in the High Court of Justice under section 7 of the Courts Law of 1957. However, an amendment to the Prisons Ordinance (section 62 (A) (b)) created a right of appeal to the District Court, with a further appeal, by leave, to the Supreme Court.

The question thus arose whether the District Court was now empowered to act as a court of appeal

certain benefits which that release would bring in its wake according to the recommendations referred to. This was a reasonable, and even desirable approach, but it was not the only reasonable approach.

Maybe the board was being too cautious, but the discretion belonged to the board, not to the District Court, nor even to the Supreme Court. There was no reason why the board should attach the same weight to the reports of the prison warden and the Probation Service which the court attached to them. Maybe the board's experience and its conception of public safety differ from those of the court.

The District Court had held that the board was obliged to lean towards the release of a prisoner of good behaviour unless there were other considerations against this. He did not agree with this view. Indeed, such was the law at one time, but the law was amended, and the board had now been given full discretion in the matter. It must weigh all the factors, and only if it is satisfied that the object of an early release will be achieved, and that there is a reasonable prospect that the prisoner will not return to his criminal ways, will it rule in his favour.

It was entitled to its opinion that in certain classes of offence, such as the sale of drugs, and in the case of an offender with a criminal record, the safety of the public is to be preferred to the prisoner's early release, even if his behaviour was satisfactory.

In conclusion, Justice Barak recommended that the Parole Board lay down criteria to be applied in its deliberations, as was recently done in England in The Parole Commission and Reorganisation Act of 1976. Such criteria, based on the experience of parole boards both in Israel and elsewhere, would lighten the board's task, and lead to greater uniformity in its decisions.

For the above reasons, the appeal was allowed, and the decision of the Parole Board restored.

Advocate Renato Yarak, Director of the High Court Division of the State Attorney's Office, appeared for the appellant, and Advocate Avraham Richtman for the respondent.

The judgment was given on May 22, 1983.

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WALL STREET WEEK

Support level is no mirage

NEW YORK (AP). — As stock prices wobbled amid renewed fears of higher U.S. interest rates, a much talked-about level of the Dow Jones Industrial Average showed again this past week why it's called a "support level" by Wall Street technicians.

A support level, in Wall Street parlance, basically is the point in an average where recent market declines have stabilized and then rebounded. Since the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks is the market's best-known measure, its current support level is considered important by many market watchers, and the level has been 1,180 for the past four months.

In May, the Dow Jones Industrial fell from a then record-high 1,232.59 to 1,190.02, then went back up. The support level was "tested" again in June, when the average fell to 1,189.00, then climbed to its current record peak of 1,248.30 on June 16.

The support level held again in mid-July when, after the average

fell to 1,189.00, it resumed its advance to 1,243.69 on July 26.

But this past week it appeared that the 1,180 support level was a figment of Wall Street's imagination. On a day when forecasts of higher interest rates again swamped the market, the DJIA dived below 1,180 in what analysts described as near-panic selling.

Yet almost as fast as investors pushed the Dow Jones below 1,180, they then pushed it back up to that point, and essentially left it there on the final session of the week.

For the week, the DJIA average fell 15.93 points to 1,183.29, following a 31.95-point decline the previous week.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index slipped 0.67 point to 93.60. While the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index lost 6.96 points to 231.42.

Big board volume averaged 80.15 million shares per session, down from 87.58 million shares the previous week.

Tax dodgers and the underground economy

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Subterranean Economy. Dan Bavy's recently published book (by U.S. company McGraw-Hill) leaves unanswered the most tantalizing question: How much of Israel's economy is underground?

Bavy is an executive partner of Bavy Millner & Co., one of Israel's largest CPA firms, and he is thus well versed in the local scene. Since his firm is also a member of Horwath and Horwath International, he also has a firm grasp of the scene in the western world, and it is here (and in Israel) that he has concentrated his research.

However, his study, which took half a dozen years, was not aimed at producing facts and figures, neither here nor abroad, for by its very nature the subterranean economy is not an organized body. And if it were, it would keep the facts and figures about its activities under the closest wraps. Bavy tried to understand why this underground economy has grown to such huge proportions, and why all signs point to the fact that it is growing at an ever faster rate.

Nevertheless, the "Israeli question" needs to be asked. But Bavy not only avoids answering, he also refuses to make even an educated guess. He does mention that Arthur Seldon, of the London-based "Institute of Economic Activities," said recently in Jerusalem that he believes that possibly one third of Israel's gross national product is not measured or included in the country's national accounts. Seldon was speaking at a recent seminar in the capital on the social-welfare state sponsored by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies.

And if this is so, it means that the honest tax payer is paying the tax burden for a goodly portion of his fellow citizens, who manage to avoid taxes (which is legal) or to evade taxes (which is illegal).

That Seldon's estimate has substance, Bavy admits, can be shown

by one fact. The GNP did not grow in 1982, yet there was a huge upsurge in the number of persons going abroad, buying cars, videos, and other electronic gadgets, and generally continuing to improve their standard of living. And there has been no let-up in 1983.

As a matter of fact, it was this discrepancy between official figures and actual "on-the-spot observations" which started Bavy thinking about writing his book.

In 1974, a brief study put out by the Israeli Commissioner of Internal Revenue showed that Israelis were paying 71 per cent of their gross income in taxes. Bavy questioned this fact. If Israelis were then paying more than two-thirds of their income to the government how could they maintain such a rapid growth in their standard of living? The answer, he believed, was that the people were paying only 71 per cent of their declared income. And what they did not declare was a huge amount.

There could be no other explanation.

Of course, a goodly percentage of those cheating on their income taxes are outright crooks, engaged in such illegal matters as drug pushing and prostitution. It is hard to catch them since they are supplying a "service" to customers who have no reason to cooperate with the police. And others make their living by actual anti-social acts such as robbery, etc., and they certainly do not seek publicity.

But why do the others, the so-called pillars of society, who are the majority of the tax dodgers, do everything possible to break the law?

Because they believe they are paying taxes to a government which is ripping them off, to a government which consists of a bloated and inefficient bureaucracy. In other words, the government is not playing fair with its tax payers. It is taxing the public to maintain a clumsy governmental organization which does not properly fulfill its sole function to serve the public. Instead, they believe, the government is serving its own interests on the tax payers' money.

Whether this concept is true or not is immaterial. What is important is that a goodly portion of the public believes it is true, and acts accordingly. And the opposition fuels this belief. Moreover, these persons lying to the tax officials, or so far underground that the tax officials do not know that they even exist, know quite clearly that the government does not have the tools to catch them.

"Paying taxes is essentially a voluntary thing, and while the administration has laws to enforce compliance, it cannot coerce huge sections of the population against its will. And if it does try to do so, it will stop being a social-welfare state and become a police-state," says Bavy.

The solution, Bavy believes, is for the government to restrict its activities to such a degree that the tax burden is reduced to bearable proportions. "It is presumptuous to believe that a government should take upon itself to handle such a huge part of the citizen's life, and that it should do so by controlling such a huge part of the national expenditure."

For example, education and medicine would be far more efficient if they were deregulated. Eighty to 90 per cent of the Israeli population can finance their needs in both areas. And these 80 to 90 per cent should only pay enough taxes to provide the government with sufficient funds to meet the needs of those living at the near poverty level, says Bavy.

"A gross failure is the best way to term the present system, where big governments have huge budgets derived from enormous taxes to carry out projects which the public itself could handle much more efficiently. The solution is to return the direct responsibility to the public for as much as possible of its needs. Let the people pay directly, not through an inefficient government, for such things as medicine and education, and a long list of other things the public wants."

What's on

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Sports

Helsinki all set to go

HELSINKI (AP).— Juan Antonio Samaranch on Friday dismissed suggestions that the new World Track and Field Championships, starting here today, may lessen the importance of the Olympic Games. The Spanish president of the International Olympic Committee said at a press conference, "We regard these championships as one of the most important sports events of the world. It is perfectly normal for the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to want to stage its own world championships. Every other sport does so. The championships will not undermine the importance of the Olympic Games. On the contrary, I think the Olympics will become more important than ever, because track and field will be more important." The inaugural World Championships are to be held in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium, which was built for the 1952 Olympics. About 1,000 men and 500 women are entered in the championships, representing 161 countries. The United States, with 130 athletes, has the largest team. A notable absentee from the championships will be Sebastian Coe, Britain's middle distance star. Who has pulled out with glaucoma trouble. The British team left London still upset over the organizers' decision to refuse Steve Ovett permission to run in the 800 metres instead of 1,500 metres. Steve Crum, the European and Commonwealth 1,500 m. champion, told reporters: "It's unfortunate that when someone is ill and drops out... we are not allowed to replace him. We're only going to have two runners in the 800 m, when we've got so many good athletes at that distance." The United States team was beset with a series of injuries and illnesses on Friday, two days prior to the start of the inaugural world track and field championships. Most prominent among the injured was women's sprinter Chandra Cheeseborough. The former Tennessee State University standout, who had qualified for the 100m, 200m, and 400m dashes, was withdrawn from both events after suffering a groin muscle injury, according to a team spokesman. She will be replaced in the 100 by Alice Brown and in the 200 by Randy Givens, the World University Games Champion. The spokesman said that

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Shmueli in action

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter
The month-long European heatwave has reached Helsinki and the high temperature expected for the opening of the first World Athletic Championships today may suit Israel's Shmueli more than most of the women in the marathon. This event will start even before the official opening ceremony. Sixty of the world's top women long distance runners are expected to start, and in this company, 27-year-old Shmueli will be delighted to finish in the first 35. Her best time for the 42 km. 195m. is two hours 40.29 min. Mark Handelsman, 22, may also be in action today in one of the seven heats for the 800m. His personal best of one min. 45.5 second run in South Africa has been bettered by most of the participants in this event, but then the super conditions at the Paavo Nurmi Olympic Stadium may bring out a new best from Handelsman.



Shlomo Glickstein charges the net in his quarter-final match against Roberto Arguello.

Shlomo reaches semis

INDIANAPOLIS (AP).— Shlomo Glickstein of Israel advanced to the semi-finals of the U.S. Open Clay Court Championships by defeating Roberto Arguello, of Argentina, 7-6, 6-2. He faces Jimmy Arias, who came through against Wimbledon finalist, Chris Lewis, of New Zealand, 6-4, 7-5. "It's going to be a very tough match," Glickstein said of the showdown with Arias. "I beat me twice before, once on clay and once on a hard court. Right now, he's a better player, and will have had more rest." Glickstein and Von Winitzky (U.S.) were defeated 6-3, 7-6, 6-4 in a tough quarter-finals doubles match by Mark Edmondson (Australia) and Sherwood Stewart (U.S.). In an earlier round, Glickstein overcame Colin Dowdswell of Switzerland 6-4, 6-4. Arias had trouble beating Lewis, and was trailing 5-4 in the second set, but took the critical next game with two service

National League Western Division

Only two teams in contest

By BILL ARTHUR
In the National League's Western Division, two will usually battle it out for the Division title, while at least three of the other four teams flounder. One of the two battlers is the Los Angeles Dodgers. During the last two years, the other battler has been the Atlanta Braves. Prior to the Braves, the Cincinnati Reds were contestants. The San Diego Padres have never been in the picture. Occasionally, the other two teams in the West will make their presence felt, like San Francisco last year, and the Houston Astros in the strike-shortened 1981 season. There is quite a contrast in the way the Western Division clubs are run. The Los Angeles Dodgers have one of the best-run organizations in sports. Walter O'Malley has built a club that should be the model for less efficient clubs. Their one weak spot may be manager Tommy Lasorda. Lasorda is supplied with some of the best talent in the game, but the Dodgers have won the National League pennant only once in the past five seasons. A Dodger strength is their ability to procure quality talent. Another strength is getting people to come to their games. Their special events and public promotions people are among the best. Lasorda's strength is in his being a fine individual and a true company man. He has often said that when he is cut and bleed, the colour of his blood is Dodger blue. Atlanta and Cincinnati function in almost total contrast. Atlanta

Braves owner Ted Turner, with megabucks to spend, does so to get the players he and his organization want, or to keep the ones they have. But, unlike George Steinbrenner of the New York Yankees, who stirs up trouble in his club by his meddling, Turner is a real "Rab! Rab!" cheerleader type who leaves running his club to those hired for that purpose. Joe Torre, the Braves manager, proved to be a good one, when despite being without a lefthanded pitcher, he led his club to the Division Championship in 1982. Cincinnati, on the other hand, won't spend a dime to get free agent players, or to pay their quality players to keep them from going to teams that will pay. As a result, to be successful, Cincinnati manager Russ Nixon will need to be adept at working with the young players supplied to him by the Reds minor league farm system. A note here on the Reds: the end of the current season will see the end of an era. With Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, and Tony Perez playing for Philadelphia, and George Foster playing for the New York Mets, the retirement of Johnny Bench will delete the Reds' roster of stars who won for Cincinnati several World Championships and National League pennants in the early '70s. Bench in his prime was the best catcher in baseball, and is a certain Hall of Famer. The Houston Astros with great pitching as of late and little or no ofensive attack, hurt themselves when they fired Bill Virdon, their manager, and Tal Smith, the club's general manager. It was under these two that the Astros have had their only team to make the play-offs. The San Francisco Giants are only a shadow of the teams of the '60s, when performers such as Willie Mays, Willie McCovey, Orlando Cepeda, Juan Marichal and Jim Perry could give the Dodgers a run for their money year in and year out. Hall of Famer Frank Robinson is a fine manager, but has his work cut out for him. The only contribution to baseball to come out of San Diego has been the San Diego chicken. He started out as a promotional gimmick by a radio station, and he now travels to over 100 different appearances in and around the baseball scene. San Diego does have a good manager in Dick Williams, and it may need only time and the development of young players now in the Padre system for them to become legitimate contenders. The two keys to being in the thick of a pennant race are the procurement of talent, and competent management of that talent. The importance of the field manager can't be underestimated. As a result, I'm picking the Atlanta Braves as the winners in the National League Western Division for this 1983 season, but they won't win without a battle royal with the Dodgers. As for the rest of the pack, they are a year or two away from contributing to a balanced six-team division.

Winfield's 20th homer

NEW YORK (AP).— Dave Winfield smacked his 20th home run of the season and tied a two-run double in a five-run fourth inning to support Dave Righetti's seven-hitter, as the New York Yankees defeated the Detroit Tigers 12-2 on Friday night. Backed by four Yankee double plays, Righetti, 12-3, notched his first win since July 15, allowing two runs, while walking one and striking out three. Winfield's two-run double and a two-run homer by Graig Nettles featured the Yankees' rally in the fourth, and Winfield later blasted a two-run homer to cap a four-run seventh. The Yankees garnered 14 hits, with every Yankee in the lineup getting at least one as Dave Rozema, 8-2, went down to his first loss since July 21. In other American League games, Tony Bernazard drove in two runs and reliever Bob Stoddard pitched five shutout innings after taking over for injured starter Matt Young to lead Seattle to a 3-1 victory over California. Mike Smithson and Odell Jones combined on a four-bitter and George Wright singled home the winning run as Texas beat Cleveland 2-0. Golan Heimueller outbatted his first major league victory and Jeff Burroughs hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning to lead Oakland to a 3-2 victory over Minnesota. Moose Haas fired a six-bitter for his fifth consecutive victory and Ben Oljive's RBI double capped a three-run third inning as Milwaukee defeated Toronto 7-0. Carl Yastrzemski's pinch-hit double scored Rick Miller from first base with two out in the eighth inning and boosted Boston to a 5-4 victory over Kansas City. A run-scoring single by Rich Dauer, the last of five consecutive two-out hits by Baltimore in the ninth inning, capped a three-run rally that gave the Orioles a 5-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox. In the National League, Bob Bailor banged a single and two-run double during a six-run seventh inning to lead New York to a 9-4 triumph over Chicago. Bill Gullickson pitched a five-hitter to outduel rookie star Jose DeLeon and Gary Carter slugged a home run among three hits, as Montreal defeated Pittsburgh.

Carey breaks another record

CLOVIS, California (AP).— American Rick Carey broke his second world record in four days when he lowered the 100m. backstroke standard to 55.44 seconds yesterday at the U.S. Swimming Championships. Carey, 20, wiped out the oldest world record in swimming, the 55.49 established by American gold medal winner John Naber in the 1976 Olympics. Carey set the 100 record during a preliminary heat on Saturday morning. On Wednesday, also during a preliminary heat, he broke Naber's world record in the 200 back by clocking 1:58.93. Later in the meet Mark Gribble set a world record in the 100m. butterfly. His new mark was 53.44 seconds, 37 seconds inside the existing record. Steve Lundquist and Bill Barrett battled to a tie in the 200-metre individual medley and equalled the American record of 2 minutes, 3.24 seconds.

Caesarea golf

CAESAREA.— Friday's golf tournament here, The Two Best Balls of a team of four, was won by an unusual combination of four stogie handicap players. The victorious quartet consisted of Alec Davidsoo, David Rosenfield, Igal Tzaleah and Nissim Zanati. Saturday's Best Ball of Teams of Three was won by Effie Ben, Mike Siron and Denis Goldstein, with a 63 net.

The kriketistas of Corfu



The objective — to hit a six over the Old Fort of Corfu into the sea.

By PHILIP GILLON
Noel Coward was bewildered, and rather shocked, by the fact that "mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the middle sun," in faraway lands with strange-sounding names, in order to indulge in sports, like cricket, when more sensible nations are taking a siesta. Yet his amazement was tempered by the knowledge that the English almost by definition can be expected to have bizarre customs. It is much more astonishing to find sensible people like the Greeks of Corfu playing cricket at the hottest time of the day. They actually do not play at noon, but begin matches at three in the afternoon — since they are spared the monomania of Interior Minister Yosef Burg, they have daylight saving on Corfu island, and three o'clock is even hotter than twelve. The annual Cricket Festival takes place in the middle of July and lasts three days. Cricket, for which the Corfiots have a passion reminiscent of that of the Indians and West Indians, is played on the main square of Corfu town, right next to the Old Fort and the parade. The square consists of hard red clay, garnished with stones, in the middle of which there is a concrete strip on which a coir matting wicket is rolled. Fielding is not easy. I was reminded of playing on a similar wicket left by the British in the grounds of Tel Hashomer hospital. The dream of a Corfu hitter is to hook the ball right over the Old Fort into the turquoise ocean beyond. Dress, as in Israel, varied from immaculate white cream long trousers to short whites, and I even saw khaki. Ages varied as well: a first-rate fielder at cover looked as if he had decades of cricket behind him, but there were also 11-year-old boys in action. In beer in the shade while watching cricketers soak in sweat. Discipline was very strong on the field: I did not see a player query an umpire's decision or a captain's order, but spectators kept up running conversations with one of the umpires, stately and portly gentleman. Whether they were discussing his verdicts or Greek politics I cannot say. A scorebook inscribed in English also reminded me of cricket in Israel, except that the names of the teams were written in Greek. I was told, if I heard correctly, that Fies were playing Pneumatics. Altogether five teams were participating in the Festival. The oldest club on the island is Lord Byron. Byron would have been pleased about this tribute to his memory: apart from his fanatical love of the Greeks, he was an enthusiastic cricketer, and despite being lame from birth, played for Harrow at Lord's. Dress, as in Israel, varied from immaculate white cream long trousers to short whites, and I even saw khaki. Ages varied as well: a first-rate fielder at cover looked as if he had decades of cricket behind him, but there were also 11-year-old boys in action.

Scoreboard in Anglo-Greek

A fast bowler, in long whites, was clearly the captain of the fielding team, and a very useful bowler he was, too. Nevertheless, he encountered strong resistance from a hard-hitting batsman and a young hitter with luck. So he switched to medium pace bowling, with little avail: eventually he took himself off, and put on an 11-year-old, who surprised me by bowling slow leg-breaks. He pitched too short, yet he picked up a couple of wickets before stumps were drawn. Cricket in Corfu is a banger from the days when the island belonged to the British. There are 300 active cricketers, and games are played, not only between the clubs, but also against visiting Royal Navy and other sides. There is talk of planting grass on the square, and of laying down a turf wicket, which would of course be welcomed by the kriketistas. But they resist fiercely any half-hearted suggestions that they should move from the heart of Corfu town to the outskirts to make way for modern progress. In fact, nobody really wants so radical a change: despite the impact of tourism, Corfu preserves its customs as well as its olive trees. And cricket is one of the most hallowed of these usages.

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The rule of Dr. Burg

THE MINISTER of Interior, Dr. Yosef Burg, has many personal achievements to his credit which are probably a cause for envy by some of his political peers. Approaching his 75th birthday next January, he is the oldest cabinet member and also the only minister who held government office in almost every cabinet for the past 30 years.

Together with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Communist leader Tawfik Toubi, Dr. Burg shares the honour of having been elected to every Knesset since Israel had its first Knesset elections in January 1949; and for the past 13 years he has been the leader of the National Religious Party.

One would assume that with such long political experience in the affairs of state, the veteran leader of the NRP might find occasion to rise above narrow party interests and consider the good of the nation when these do not coincide. But Dr. Burg, the consummate politician, is apparently guided by different logic. The longer he has been in power and the smaller the party he represents, the more he puts his own personal and his party's interests above other considerations.

Given Israel's traditional coalition politics, the fact that the NRP has by now shrunk to five Knesset Members — two of whom are cabinet ministers — has not weakened Dr. Burg's bargaining power. On the contrary, the NRP's potential power to tip the coalition scales and possibly bring the government down has in fact enhanced Dr. Burg's position. The same applies to the power game within his own party which was reduced from 12 to six Knesset Members in the last elections two years ago and has since lost one more, MK — Rabbi Druckman — to the nationalist-religious right wing. Time and again the NRP's internal elections which might spell the end of Dr. Burg's rule have been put off by agreement with the chief challenger, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer.

By the same token, Dr. Burg runs the Interior Ministry and the police, which is part of it, guided frequently by his own personal and party interests. When former police inspector-general Herzl Shafir sought to pursue preliminary reports which might have cast suspicions on some of the activities of the Interior Ministry in favour of religious institutions, he was summarily dismissed.

It was again Dr. Burg who until recently professed ignorance at the existence of a Justice Ministry report by Deputy Attorney General Yehudith Karp on the sad state of law enforcement when it comes to Jewish settlers in Judea and Samaria. The report had been ignored over the last two years and it was only Mrs. Karp's recent threat to resign which brought the cabinet to decide that a special ministerial committee would draw up new recommendations for a law enforcement structure in the administered territories.

The fact that the police infrastructure in the West Bank and in the Gaza strip has not basically changed since it was set up 16 years ago — as revealed in an interview last week with *The Jerusalem Post* by a senior police source — and has not adjusted to the reality of increasing Jewish settlement in the territories, also does not seem to bother the minister in charge of police too much.

The same applies, of course, to Dr. Burg's personal hobby — his adamant objection to introduce summer time in Israel.

Court of Justice 10 days ago to show summer time should not be observed. August 10 and October 10 of this year, the Minister of Interior replied on Friday that he was establishing a committee of experts to examine the question which would take about three months to submit its findings. Hence, there could be no summer time this year, according to Dr. Burg. It is now up to the High Court of Justice, which will consider the question by a five-member bench this Wednesday, to decide whether Dr. Burg's reasoning indeed meets the interest of the public.

Profligate economics

WHEN THAT mild-mannered man, Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum comes out with a devastating critique of official economic policy, it is surely time for Finance Minister Yoram Aridor to sit up and take note. Instead, Mr. Aridor is taking up the cudgels against Dr. Mandelbaum.

There are no dramatic revelations in the governor's report on the means of payment. But the report corroborates what has been apparent for some time now: with inflation running high, production slowing down and the balance of payments deficit growing, the country is in dire straits. Dr. Mandelbaum therefore suggests a change of course. The devaluation of the shekel, purposely decelerated by Mr. Aridor, should be speeded up, and the government budget must be drastically reduced.

Mr. Aridor rejects the analysis. For one thing, the governor has himself been a full partner in the formulation of economic policy, and is therefore equally responsible. But in any case there is nothing in economic policy-making to recant. Everything is coming up roses in the economy, and whatever is wrong is attributable to such outside factors as the world recession and the war in Lebanon.

If this were so, it would be hard to understand why Mr. Aridor is himself suddenly so anxious to cut public expenditures. In seeking to persuade the public to support him, the finance minister would seem to need every help he can get. But because he feels, he must, above all, defend the sorry record of his profligate "proper economics," he will not avail himself of the help readily offered in the governor's report.

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ISRAEL'S WOBBLY economy can expect only partial and half-hearted remedies before the next Knesset elections, according to a number of cabinet ministers who spoke privately to *The Jerusalem Post*.

These elections would be held in autumn 1985 if the government chooses to serve out its full term. They could also be advanced.

The present series of discussions in the Ministerial Economic Committee has nothing to do with the country's fundamental economic ills. *The Post* was reminded. All that Finance Minister Yoram Aridor wants to do in those discussions is to take money from one side of the state budget and add it to the other side to cover outlays that were not anticipated when the budget was originally drawn up.

Even if Aridor manages to rob Peter of all the cash with which he wants to pay Paul, an unlikely eventuality, the budget will still be too large for the economy to cope with. Nothing will have been done about the rate of inflation; the lag in production; the increasing foreign debt; and the deficit in the balance of payments.

Nothing much can be done about them by the Likud government before an election — its lead over the opposition in public opinion polls is relatively small.

The coalition is neither firm enough nor united enough to agree easily to the IS50b. In proposed budget transfers, the ministers told *The Post*. And even less so, to agree to drastic restraints. Yet the fundamental economic ills brought on by Aridor's unorthodox policies, on the advice of the maverick academic economist Prof. Yakir Plessner, will not be remedied except by drastic restraints.

Plessner's official job is deputy governor of the Bank of Israel although nowadays he has strayed relations with the governor, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum.

The finance minister has neither the political power nor the persuasive powers one would require to compel the administration and the public to lighten their belts till it hurts in order to encourage economic progress.

And to cap it all, Prime Minister Menachem Begin lacks the energy to bang on the table and coerce his colleagues. He lacks the capacity to study the economic issues in real depth and so to make an educated

ONE DAY recently, while reading *The Jerusalem Post*, I started to cry.

Now I am neither over-emotional nor sentimental; on the contrary, I am among those persons who have so much to cry about they are afraid that once they start they may never stop.

I was reading about the argument over the bill for benefits to large families. The proposed benefits are to be given to families with members who served in the army and to yeshiva students, but not to the Arab citizens of the state of Israel. In defending this proposal, Likud faction chairman Ronnie Milo was quoted as having said, "The fact that so many Jews were slaughtered in the Holocaust justifies granting benefits solely to Jews."

We survivors have by now got used to the fact that the sacred memory of the dead, our own suffering and the suffering of our children, "the second generation," are ruthlessly exploited for the sake of political arguments and gains.

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — With one hand, Israel beckons to Diaspora Jewry to come home and be embraced by family; she uses the other to smack owly arrived immigrants in the face.

Despite expensive and extensive propaganda campaigns by the Jewish Agency, aliyah figures continue to be dismally low. Emissaries sent all over the world to encourage immigration are not only ineffective (at a recent meeting of immigrants, the large group was asked to indicate whether their emissary had in any way influenced their decision to make aliyah; not one hand was raised), but more and more of them are themselves opting for yerida after having tasted the "good life" abroad.

Israelis would like to believe that the sole reason for the system's failure is that Jews of the free world have become soft and decadent after generations of luxury, blindly risking their Jewish heritage by remaining in exile and coping out on their Jewish destiny by not joining their brethren in Zion who await them with open arms.

That is but one side of the story; the other is being relayed by a group of unofficial emissaries who are having tremendous influence in the Diaspora: olim who have been ravaged by the process of aliyah and have returned to their native countries to tell the tale, the moral of which is: they really don't want us there. They need not exaggerate their experiences, the truth is gruesome enough, and is the daily reality of olim who remain.

The anti-olim activities of the Jewish Agency and Ministry of Absorption are legion and at times are so creative they rise to the level of art. These bodies admit that thousands of apartments under their aegis stand empty while immigrants spend years in poorly run absorption facilities staffed by people who deeply resent the people they are supposed to serve and are jealous of the special treatment olim are supposed to receive. Ministry of Absorption employees treat the benefits given immigrants — rights

No painless way out

By ASHER WALLFISH

contribution to cabinet discussions involving them.

Begin probably feels that his appointment of Aridor as the third finance minister in less than four years was not felicitous. He probably realizes that his original refusal to make Aridor a cabinet minister at all, was the sound decision, and that he should have left Aridor running errands and putting out fires as deputy minister.

Begin knows that his original refusal to make Ariel Sharon the defence minister was also the right course — a course from which he deviated only under pressure, to his everlasting regret.

As if the Lebanon nightmare were not enough to depress the prime minister and make him rue the disastrous appointment of Sharon, Begin is now dimly comprehending the economic disaster brought on by Aridor, whom he held at arm's length so scornfully and for so long.

ARIDOR'S PERSONAL political weight with his Likud colleagues was high before the 1981 election, when he got their fortunes out of the slough of despond with his tax cuts on colour television and suchlike economic bonbons. Since then, his power has waned in successive conflicts with his cabinet colleagues.

Begin has tucked Aridor off publicly in cabinet meetings several times over the past few months and brought him to heel after the finance minister was overweening with his colleagues or talked as though he were not subject to cabinet conventions devolving on ordinary mortal ministers.

At the same time, the prime minister is far from keen to ditch Aridor. To do so, would be an admission of Begin's own failure in

picking his lieutenants. In any case, the prime minister knows that he has nobody to appoint in Aridor's place. Of three theoretical possibilities inside the cabinet, one is not young enough, one is not consistent enough and one is not authoritative enough.

Generally, Begin has been giving Aridor dutiful but unenthusiastic support. In the case of the doctors' salary issue, Begin finally ruled against Aridor, partly on emotional considerations. In another rare case of personal involvement, Begin attended a small secret meeting at the beginning of July, and backed a proposal to narrow the gap between the exchange rate and the cost-of-living index. This proposal partially reversed the policy that Plessner and the Treasury director-general Prof. Ezra Sadan — another maverick — sold Aridor last year.

A HANDFUL of cabinet ministers has told me, but not for attribution, that Aridor's abrasive attitude has alienated nearly all his colleagues. Not that the coalition ministers were more willing to cooperate in practice with the former finance minister, Yigal Hurvitz, but at least they did not rub against him personally. Hurvitz is accepted as a sourpuss and a Jeremiah, but he is always natural and sometimes even endearing.

The one notable exception is Industry Minister Gidon Pat, who has stoutly and loyally defended Aridor in public on innumerable occasions though Pat, too, called for more aid to exporters.

This comradely backing is light-years away from the attitude which Pat showed Aridor during the first Likud cabinet. Pat, as industry minister, was then responsible for tourism.

A racist attitude

By MARIA HELLER

But Mr. Milo is doing more than that. He is using the dead and the living to justify a world view which, if put into practice, creates the kind of situation that made the Holocaust possible.

Don't misunderstand me, and don't misquote me. I am not saying that he is creating a holocaust. I am saying that he is creating a political, moral and emotional climate that will provide fertile soil for a racist, fascist, totalitarian state. That is more than enough.

Racist, fascist, and totalitarian societies are made possible by

dividing the citizens into different categories or classes: the useful ones and the useless ones; those who "deserve" the help and protection of the state and those who don't; those society needs and those it can do without; the rulers with all the rights and the ruled with less or no rights at all. In a critical situation, you of course preserve the useful ones and let the others die — see Hitler's *Eutanasie* program.

BY THE SAME token, Mr. Milo may propose that our overloaded hospitals be reserved for Jews only.

Begin suggested that Aridor be made Pat's deputy in charge of tourism. Pat, mentioning this to some colleagues later, snorted: "I already have quite enough Yoram of my own."

The minister who reacted loudest and longest to Aridor's tactics houteur was Health Minister Eliezer Shostak. But Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i comes a close second. Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan have both chided Aridor at cabinet meetings.

More than one cabinet minister has told me that he and his colleagues have an additional itch, because Aridor's snootiness seems to have filtered down to some of his officials, like Sadan and his budgets director, Ya'acov Gadish.

One minister told me: "We have to live with Aridor, because he's an elected politician like the rest of us, but Sadan and Gadish only make people spiteful and uncooperative towards the minister. They poke their noses into trivia, and hold up budget transfers that have already been fully authorized. Sadan and Gadish boast openly about the way ministers who need something have to make a pilgrimage over to their offices. Because of that, Aridor is the loser, and so are the measures on which he seeks our agreement. We want to get our own back."

IF THE LIKUD returns to power after the election, its finance minister will have four clear years in which to apply tough belt-tightening measures, and hope that the aggrieved public will be mollified by watching the economy improve, and not take its revenge eventually at the ballot-box.

Between now and the election, Aridor's apprehension about the voter is compounded by his mission of the smaller coalition allies. Aridor's loss of strength as a personality is further compounded by the Likud's loss of domination as a party.

These are the problems overshadowing the proposal for budget transfers of IS50b. To pay for the war in Lebanon, the pay increases to doctors and teachers and other unanticipated outlays.

The Likud does not fully rely on the loyalty of its coalition allies, according to one Likud minister, because it fears that if they find their credibility hurt or their vote-

attraction reduced by budget cuts, they may not only threaten to quit the coalition but actually do so, by accident or design.

The two ministers of the shrinking National Religious Party, for example, Burg and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, have linked their prestige to police, prisons and religious disbursements on the one hand, and school fees and teachers' salaries on the other.

Like Hammer, Uzan of the Tami party has already warned against significant budget cuts in the projects for which he is responsible.

The NRP and Tami will not be the only coalition allies playing economic and political poker with Aridor, in order to show they will have clout, patronage and money to dole out. The Tami party's support depends on having enough money to speed in Judea and Samaria. And Agudat Yisrael will be the first to get off the gravy train if the gravy dries up, as its MKs admit quite frankly in private.

As they fight the proposed budget transfers, the NRP, Tami and the Aguda will try not to overplay their hand and thus bring about early elections, which could bring them back weaker than before. But they are in a Catch 22 situation, because they would not like to face cuts which might erode their support.

ARIDOR, TOO, faces a Catch 22. The economist in him tells him that the sooner elections come, the sooner he can introduce serious economic measures and the less damage will be done to the economy by the wasted time between now and the elections. But the politician in him hearkens to what his colleagues in the Likud say, namely that now is not the time to call an early election.

Meanwhile the finance minister's chickens are coming well and truly home to roost. Because political considerations are uppermost with Aridor when pondering economic decisions, the nation is living through an interminable period of indecision.

No wonder Israelis with money are putting it either in dollars or in unnecessary consumer durables. The effect on the balance of payments and the inflation rate will only make the eventual remedies more painful to apply.

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After the death of six million of our people, it is, of course, much more important to save the life of a Jew than the life of an Arab.

Even our prisons are overcrowded — so let's have different punishments for the same crime, one for Jews, one for Arabs. Oh I forgot, we already do. There is one punishment for Arab stone-throwers and another for Jewish ones.

In the same issue of the *Post* I read that the Minister of the Interior had ordered the release on bail of rioting yeshiva students. During that riot a policeman was knocked unconscious by a rock. I remember the same minister explaining that rocks are deadly weapons and that stone and rock-throwers must therefore be dealt with harshly — Arab stone-throwers, that is.

Mr. Milo is entitled to his opinions and the voicing of them, even if they are racist, fascist and, in my opinion, totally immoral. I can only plead with him: please, please, don't

invoke the Holocaust. We survivors — and I know I speak on behalf of many, if not all, of them — get so scared! We can read the writing on the wall, interpret the signs.

True, we won't be the victims when you and people like you have created a society in which a new holocaust is possible. We won't stay around to wait for it; we will pack up and leave — or kill ourselves.

Our Arab cousins in the occupied territories (Mr. Milo would call them liberated) talk about *santitas*, the steadfast, the persevering, the ones who, whatever the conditions, stay put, cling to their soil and homes. I know that we survivors, who came to this country to live and die as free and proud Jews, should do the same. We should stay put and fight people like you.

But I am afraid we are just too tired. We don't have the strength. We have had enough.

The writer lives in Israel and is a survivor of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — In the Transvaal of South Africa, the first girls' high school was the Johannesburg Girls High (Barnato Park). The one hundredth anniversary of this school is to be commemorated by the publication of a record of all past pupils who attended this school during its long and distinguished life.

As many of the ex-pupils now live in Israel, may we ask your help in publishing this appeal to all past pupils, or their friends or family, who are in Israel, to send us names and addresses: These should be addressed to Vincemus, Box 9193, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa.

MOIRA ENGLISH

Johannesburg.

MORE CEDARS IN JERUSALEM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — In addition to the cedars of Jerusalem listed in a recent "Tora and Flora," I saw today three others. They stand in front of 12 Agon Street, 11 Alhariz Street and 22 Harav Berlin Street.

The cedar is easily distinguished by its 2 cm. long needles, from the pine, whose needles are 6 cm. long, and from the cypress, which has branching jointed leaves.

DR. ISRAEL I. ZIDERMAN

Louis L. Rabinowitz comments: I mentioned the cedar in Agon Street in my column. But I am grateful to Dr. Ziderman for the information with regard to the other two.

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